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# GARDEN COURTESY AND COMMUNICATION

One of the main goals in community gardening is to work together or next to each other in harmony. Please be courteous in all interactions and work together to resolve any disagreements. Contact the Garden Master or Chair for guideline clarifications

## ORGANIC ONLY:

- Herbicides and insecticides made from synthetic chemicals are *not* permitted. Organic fertilizers are preferred (fish or kelp fertilizer, alfalfa meal, etc.) however MiracleGro will be permitted.

## MAIN GATE & SERVICE GATE:

- Please keep the Main Gate closed at all times.
- If you need to use the service gate, please contact the Garden Manager in a timely manner.

## PLOT MAINTENANCE

- **Plots Must Be Reasonably Maintained:** Reasonably maintained means weeds under control and plants are regularly cared for, watered and harvested. Plants must not exceed plot boundaries. By the end of the gardening season, all non-wintering plants must be removed as well as stakes, walls of water, row covers, etc. You may not store black plastic bags of leaves/organic matter over the winter.
- **Plot Neglect/Abandonment:** Plots must be prepared and ready to plant by June 1<sup>st</sup> (weather permitting). Abandoned or unattended plots will be reassigned. Please notify the Garden Manager if you are no longer able to tend your plot; will be absent for a long period of time; or have asked a friend to tend your garden.
- **Individual Delineation:** Separation of individual plots is allowed, e.g. with rocks.
- **Weeds:** There will be many weeds in the community garden. Weeds compete with other plants in your garden and can quickly become invasive. If weeds are left to go to seed they will affect your neighbors' gardens as well. Gardeners are responsible for keeping their plot weed-free by planting a cover crop or mulching. Weedy plots are subject to warning and cancellation

## PATH MAINTENANCE

- Pathways around each plot are to be 4 feet wide.
- It is each gardener's responsibility to keep the paths on each side of his/her plot clear, weed-free, and well mulched.

## USE OF COMMUNITY WATER:

- Please conserve the use of water. Mulch with leaves, grass clippings, or straw to reduce water evaporation.
- Water in the gardens will be available May 15<sup>th</sup> through October 1 (weather permitting).
- Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify the Garden Manager of any leaks in the water line.
- Make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden. Keep hoses neatly rolled up near the water bib. Check hoses for leaks.

**COMPOSTING & MULCH:**

- Manure, mulch, and compost are available for everyone to share. Please take a moderate amount so we all may benefit.
- Please dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas. Chopping of material is preferred before putting it in the piles.

**DISPOSAL OF TRASH:**

- No debris of any kind should be left at the site. Please dispose of trash in the receptacle in the alley by the service gate.
- Please recycle your glass and plastic in the appropriate bins in the garden.

**PARKING:**

- Parking is allowed on 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the designated spots. Please observe the *Disability Only* spot.

**VANDALISM:**

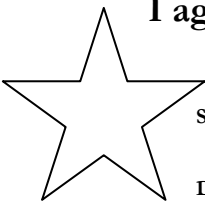
- Most gardens experience occasional vandalism. The best action you can take is to replant immediately. If you suspect any acts of vandalism, please notify the Garden Manager immediately.

**NOT ALLOWED IN THE GARDEN:**

- tires
- pressure treated wood
- carpet
- barbed wire
- uncovered black plastic
- smoking and use of alcoholic beverages
- amplified music (use headphones please)
- selling produce is not allowed at garden site
- pets are not welcome inside the fenced area. Please park your pets outside.
- young children should be supervised so they don't disturb other gardens or gardeners.

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**I agree to respect the above guidelines of the Big Timber Community Garden.**



SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_