

Bell Garden's "Rules To Grow By"

The Bell Community and Demonstration Garden has a purpose! It's a community project for neighbors, friends and volunteers to work together for its success. It is beneficial to you as well as the community and it is fun!

For these reasons please show **respect** for your fellow gardener. Failure to comply will result in **dismissal** from the Bell Community and Demonstration Garden. For safety, fairness and the enjoyment of the garden the following rules will be strictly enforced.

Garden Rules

1. **Do not** share the combination lock code with anyone. This is the garden leader's responsibility. When the combination is given to you it is for your use only.
2. Membership inquiries should be directed to the Garden Leaders. Only Garden Leaders make bed assignments.
3. Garden beds are not transferable or assumed when a member leaves the garden.
4. For your security, lock yourself in the garden when you are alone.
5. Lock the gate when you leave. Don't leave it open for someone else.
6. Due to limited beds, new bed assignments will be made for one bed only.
7. You must maintain your plot in an *"Acceptable Manner"* -means that you are actively gardening -digging, sowing, planting, weeding, harvesting, watering, etc. -once a week during the growing season. If you are ill or on a short vacation, inform your garden leader or ask a fellow gardener to attend to your garden. **Do not** send anyone to do this for you.
8. **. Warning notices and plot reassignment** -A garden found to be in an unacceptable manner will be flagged by the garden leaders. The gardener will be given 10 days to remedy the situation. A second warning will be sent after the 10 days has passed and the garden bed still shows no improvement, for an additional 10 days to remedy (a total of 20 days). The gardener will then be notified that his or her garden bed has been reclaimed for reassignment.
9. When you have finished gardening, turn off the water and return the hose to the water spigot -do this to prevent accidents and as a courtesy to your neighbor.
10. When you are assigned a bed in the garden, you agree to help maintain the garden as needed -you may be asked to assist in planting, watering, weeding, mowing, etc.

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11. **Do not** dig, fertilize or spray anything, water, weed, plant or harvest from anyone's bed without permission!
12. The demonstration area is maintained by the Gateway Greening Staff, there is no need to be in this area unless you are participating in an educational project provided by the staff.
13. Never remove plants from the plant cage without the permission of the Gateway Greening Staff. These plants do not belong to Bell Garden Members. Remember, you will never need a full flat of any plant for your raised bed.
14. The special soil and mulch were purchased by Gateway Greening for use in the Bell Garden Only! Never remove from the garden for use outside of the garden.
15. **Do not** put trash (plastic, metal, glass, meat, fish, dairy products, diseased plants or large branches) in the compost pile.
16. We do not grow vegetables to sell; we do not sell plants or seeds. This is a serious violation that will result in immediate termination!
17. **Do not** allow pets to roam the garden. All pets must be restrained while in the garden. Never allow pets in areas where food is being prepared or consumed.

Please review the Bell Community and Demonstration Garden's "Rules to Grow By" carefully. Your signature indicates your agreement to abide by these rules with the understanding that failure to do so may serve as grounds for dismissal from the garden.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

2006
Clemens Community Garden

Information And Guidelines

Welcome to Clemens Community Garden, we're glad to have you as a member!
These guidelines are intended to get everyone working together successfully.
Please feel free to ask questions or for help at any time.

Our community garden is organic, which means that the use of chemical herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and fertilizers is not permitted. Natural biological controls are permitted, however, as a last resort. If you are uncertain whether or not a treatment is organic, consult the more experienced gardeners or _____, Garden Coordinator (314) xxx-xxxx.

Membership

- Dues are \$10/year. Please give the signed Registration Form with your dues to _____ by **April 1** to secure your plot for the year. (Make checks payable to _____.) Dues are not refundable. Any plot not planted by **May 15** will be reassigned.
- **Group Work Party Days** are one of the most important elements of our Garden. They are scheduled monthly, April through November for handling bigger tasks involving the whole group. Our first Work Party is Saturday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The remaining Work Party Days are on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Your participation is crucial, especially at the beginning and end of the season. Attendance at a minimum of 5 Work Party Days is mandatory. (If Saturday is a problem for you, please consult with the garden leader regarding meeting this commitment.)
- **Members are expected to participate in the care and maintenance of our garden throughout the growing season.** This includes the common areas as well as your individual plot. You will be asked to take responsibility for a specific caretaking task in the common areas.
- **Members are expected to keep their plots neat and tidy:** weed regularly, remove dead plants, contain plants within the plot, and harvest your vegetables when they're ripe. Each gardener is also responsible for keeping the walkways around their plot free of weeds, litter, debris, and sprawling plants. If you are having trouble keeping up or need help, please contact the leader.
- Any gardener whose plot has weeds over one foot tall, plants leaning into or obstructing surrounding walkways, or overripe and rotting vegetables will be notified by the garden leader. The situation must be amended within one week of notification or the plot will be reassigned. Again, contact the leader if you are having difficulty.

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- If you take a vacation or must be gone for an extended time, it is your responsibility to find someone else to maintain your plot to the above standards in your absence. Please notify the garden leader of the name and phone number of this person. Notify your garden leader immediately if you are moving, or if you are no longer able to attend your garden plot so that it may be promptly reassigned.
- Compost Bins are available for organic matter. Please follow instructions as posted. All discarded healthy plant materials must be chopped and placed in the designated compost areas. All other items such as diseased plant material, stakes or ties should be put in trash bags for disposal off site. **No trash or weeds in the compost bins, please!**
- **Water is available on the east end of the Garden from the spigot on the side of the building. Each member is expected to provide a sprayer head of their own choosing. Be sure to take with you when you leave.** After watering, turn off the faucet and coil the hose(s) neatly. Return tools and equipment to the storage shed and lock the door. Return other Items to designated storage areas.
- In the fall, each plot must be cleared of frost-killed plants, stakes, trellises, and other structures by **November 11**. Do not leave these items in the garden over the Winter, or they will be thrown away. Cold frames, however, are permitted and encouraged! Gardeners who meet this deadline will be able to keep that plot the following spring. Anyone who misses this deadline will lose their plot and will be added to the waiting list on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Report immediately any theft or vandalism of community property or in your plot both to the local police (xxx-xxxx) and your garden leader, _____(314) xxx-xxxx.

Finally, thank you in advance for your cooperation in following these guidelines. They will ensure that everyone has a successful and enjoyable growing season.

SAMPLE COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT
(Information in parentheses is to be determined by individual garden)
(Watts Family) Community Garden Contract
Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

Introduction

The (organization/garden manager) is the highest governing authority at the (Watts Family) Community Garden .Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plot.

1. You will receive one verbal warning from the garden manager.
2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice two weeks later.
3. In another two weeks, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and only at the discretion of the garden manager.

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of (Watts Family) Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is (\$32.00) per plot, per year (January 1 – December 31), due on or before (January 1). Fee for half a year after (beginning July 1 or later) is (\$16.00). There are no refunds.
3. Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it within two weeks. I will garden year round. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer, more than one time a year.
4. My plot is (20 x 20) feet. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
5. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will completely separate my trash into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts; 2) rocks, stones, and asphalt; and 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. I will put each type of trash only in the areas designated specifically for each. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the (Watts Family) Community Garden.
6. If I now have more than one plot, I will give up my additional plots by the end of this gardening year (December 31).

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7. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
8. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
9. The garden manager will assign me general garden maintenance tasks each month, and I must complete them by the end of the month that I am assigned them.
10. I will water my plot according to water-wise guidelines. (If I use more than the recommended amount of water, I will pay a fee each month to cover the cost of this additional water.)
11. I will attend the regular (bi-monthly) garden club meetings. If workshops are offered, I will attend at least one on each of the following topics: soil preparation and maintenance, watering the vegetable garden, and pest and disease control.
12. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden without the approval of the garden manager.
13. I will not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give my key or lock combination to another person.
14. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
15. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
16. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
17. I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property.

Commitment

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the (Watts Family) Community Garden.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Gardener

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Garden Manager