

## Community Garden Policies

- Garden plots are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Use water spigots and hoses with care, water only your plot.
- Confirm water is turned off after each use and do not leave any hoses, including soaker hoses, unattended. A gardener MUST remain on the premises while his/her garden is being watered. The garden cannot allow excess water to drain onto the street or adjacent property.
- Only leashed pets allowed – no pets allowed in or on the raised beds.
- Children under the age of 12 are allowed into the gardening area with adult supervision only.
- ABSOLUTELY NO vaping or smoking of any kind, nor cultivation of any marijuana crops.
- Planting is restricted to edible vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit. No ornamental landscaping plants, or trees.
- The cultivation of plants on the State's Noxious Weed list is strictly prohibited. A list of these can be found [here](#).
- The application of herbicides (non-organic or synthetic) or pesticide use of any kind is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- Harvesting, picking or tampering with unassigned garden plots is prohibited.
- If you listen to music, wear headphones, and be mindful of your neighbors.

### Garden Fees

- The Community Garden is open to the public. After acceptance by the Authority of an application, please send a check to:  
Powhaton Community Authority  
c/o Public Alliance  
405 Urban Street, Suite #310  
Lakewood, CO 80228
- Please write the designated gardening box as reference on your check.

### Garden Information

- Garden season runs from March until November. Gardeners are welcome to work in garden plots only between these dates.
- Gardens are open from 6am to 10pm. Please be respectful of your neighbors.
- Water and hoses are available June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, this is weather dependent so may be sooner or later depending on season.
- All tools must be supplied by Gardener.
- Trash and composting are NOT provided, you must take trash and debris with you when you leave.
- Key information and important dates will be communicated through e-mail.
- Ownership of applied inputs – fertilizers and other approved amendments – is transferred to the Authority at season's end. Adding inputs to a plot does not guarantee future ownership of that plot.

## **Gardeners are Responsible for:**

- A clearly worked, weeded, and harvested plot all growing season.
- Seeds and plants.
- Organic fertilizer.
- Hand tools.
- Maintaining current address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses with the Authority.
- Obeying all rules and etiquette.

## **Plot Assignments**

- Plot registration opens in February for returning gardeners and March 1st for new gardeners.
- Each gardener may register for a maximum of 1 plot per adult per household. Must be 18 years of age to register for a plot. Additional plots may be purchased after May 1st if there are vacancies.
- Every effort will be made to assign returning gardeners their plot(s) from the previous year but *cannot* be guaranteed. Should an assigned plot remain fallow, that tenant will lose that plot's Right of First Refusal for the following year.
- Gardeners will receive their plot number after registration.
- Prior to entering the garden to work each gardener must pay the plot fee (annually).
- Garden plots are non-transferable (to other gardeners) except through the Steering Committee.

## **Refunds/Revocation**

- The Authority has the right to revoke plots for any reason, including failure to comply with the stated rules.
- If a garden requires maintenance, a warning will be given to the garden owner. If multiple warnings are issued this may result in the revocation of the plot.
- Plots which remain unplanted after June 15th or have become overgrown with weeds at any point in the season, will be qualified as "abandoned". At this time, the Resident Relations Manager will attempt to contact the gardener. If arrangements cannot be made to maintain the plot, it will be revoked.
- No refunds will be issued for plots that have been revoked.

## **Plot Neglect/Abandonment**

- Plots must be obviously worked and weeded by May 1st, weather permitting.
- By June 15th any abandoned or unworked plots will be reassigned, and no refund given.
- Plots eligible for reassignment will be made available first to the wait-listed registrants and then to the existing gardeners on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Plot Maintenance**

- Plots must be reasonably maintained – meaning weeds are under control and plants are regularly cared for, pruned, watered, and harvested.
- By November 1st all plants must be removed as well as any garden accessories.
- Leaves/organic matter/tools may not be stored onsite in the off season.