

Community Garden Rules

For questions, please contact us at 503-929-4037
or info@westvalleycommunitycampus.org .

All persons who enter West Valley Community Campus (WVCC) facilities and properties inherently agree to follow all WVCC policies as posted on our website and/or on the property.

GENERAL GARDEN RULES

1. West Valley Community Campus is not liable for loss or damage of property or personal injury of community gardeners while participating in garden activities.
2. The Community Garden To-Do List, Garden Calendar, and other information can be found posted on the Garden Shed.
3. We will host regular group work days throughout the growing and harvesting season and we encourage each gardener to attend as many of these as possible as building community is what this endeavor is all about!
4. Children are WELCOME in the Community Garden! But must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
5. The use of herbicides (weed killers) or synthetic insecticides in the Community Garden is prohibited. If you have a specific pest problem that you need help addressing, please speak to the Garden Management Team.
6. There are compost piles for community use. Please take note of signs for which materials are allowed in each compost pile.
7. Flowers and herbs in the common areas are available to the public. Please treat the plants with care and take only as much as you need.
8. Extra produce from common areas or plots with no owner will go to the local Food Bank. Consider donating any excess food you harvest.
9. Please be mindful of your water use, hoses and faucets may not be left on unattended.

ASSIGNED PLOT RULES

1. Marijuana and any poisonous type plants are prohibited. Tall (over 6 ft) or sprawling plants, Mint, and Strawberries are strongly discouraged and must be approved by the Garden Management Team before planting.
2. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. This includes watering, weeding, harvesting, pruning and any other garden related maintenance.
3. Gardeners may not leave out piles of weeds, dead plants, trash, tools or other supplies when not in use and should always keep pathways clear.
4. Gardeners will need to provide their own tools and equipment and bring those with them. Some storage may be available in the tool shed, communicate with Garden Management Team for more information.
5. Please use your best discretion to not plant or use materials that may carry pests, weed seeds or diseases into the Community Garden.
6. Do not plant outside of your designated plot. Gardeners may harvest from and attend to their own assigned plot only, unless given specific permission from another gardener.
7. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot and putting it to bed for the season.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

By following these behavior expectations, we can create a safe and welcoming environment for all participants in the WVCC Community Garden.

Respect for Others: All participants should treat each other with respect and consideration. This includes respecting each other's plots, belongings, and personal space. Participants should avoid making excessive noise, and be mindful of others when using communal areas.

Safety: Safety is a top priority in the Community Garden. Participants should take care when using garden tools, and follow all safety guidelines. Participants should also report any safety concerns or hazards to WVCC Staff and the Garden Management Team immediately.

Cleanliness: Participants should take responsibility for keeping the garden clean and tidy. This includes properly disposing of trash, composting in designated areas, being environmentally conscious and cleaning up after themselves.

Communication: Clear and respectful communication is essential to the success of the community garden program. Participants should communicate with each other, the Garden Management Team, and WVCC Staff in a timely and respectful manner.

Attendance: Attendance at meetings, work days, and other events is important for the success of the community garden program. Participants should make an effort to attend these events or communicate with the communal areas team or program coordinators if they are unable to attend.

GARDEN ACCOUNTABILITY AND POLICY ENFORCEMENT

Gardeners are responsible for following the garden policies. Staff and volunteer garden managers will regularly monitor plots throughout the year. If a gardener is not following the garden policies, staff will send them a reminder.

- If a garden plot looks abandoned during the main garden season (April – October), garden staff will check in with the plot holder. The plot holder has 2 weeks to respond and start gardening. If there is no action after 2 weeks, the plot will be reassigned.
- **Warning:** For minor violations of the rules and regulations, participants may be given a verbal or written warning. The communal areas team will explain the nature of the violation and provide guidance on how to correct it.
- **Suspension:** For more serious violations of the rules and regulations, participants may be suspended from the program for a period of time. This may be a temporary suspension or a permanent revocation of garden plot privileges.
- **Revocation of Garden Plot:** For repeated or severe violations of the rules and regulations, participants may have their garden plot privileges permanently revoked. This will result in the loss of access to the community garden program.
- Gardeners may request an appeal of a garden reminder or plot cancellation by contacting WVCC Staff. The appeal will be reviewed by the Garden Management Team and WVCC Staff.