

2011 Gardens of Graceworks Community Gardens Rules and Regulations



To the Gardens of GraceWorks Gardener:

The common sense rules and guidelines noted below allow each of us to have the best gardening experience possible. These points are designed to eliminate questions and provide a roadmap for everyone's participation throughout the gardening season. If you have questions, please contact a committee member. ~ *The Gardens of Graceworks Committee*

- The Annual Fee of \$100.00 provides one designated plot 4' x 48'; ½ plots for \$50.00
- You must have your garden cleared and tilled by April 15th and completely planted by May 15th.
- Water will be conveniently located on each plot. We recommend that you put a "Y" adapter with shutoffs on your hydrant and connect a soaker hose to one side to conveniently water your garden while you are on site. Do not let water run overnight. If you use a timer with your soaker, we recommend no more that 30 minutes early a.m. and 30 minutes late p.m.
- Community garden tools will be located in the storage shed on the property. Please return them cleaned and ready for the next gardener. You will be provided the lock combination. We are not responsible for your tools left on site or in the shed.
- You may use the Church restrooms between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. provided you clean up or leave muddy shoes outside.
- Permanent structures or fencing may not be erected or attached to the bed walls. Stakes and cages, i.e., tomato cages, and vine trellises staked into the ground within the bed are permitted.
- Do not permit vine type plants to extend over the edge of the beds to the ground.
- Illegal or noxious plants are not permitted.
- You must tend your garden twice weekly at minimum keeping weeds in check and your bed pleasantly neat and attractive.
- Unightly and weed infested beds will be cleaned by the Church youth at a cost of \$50.00 per bed and be billed you.
- Abundant harvests may be shared with Judy Hixson for the Sharing and Caring small group.
- Thou Shalt Not...Pick the fruits, flowers or vegetables from your neighbor without permission.
- Good compost and/or soil additives will keep your soil workable and improve crop yields.
- Place weeds and diseased plants in the block mulch pit a provided at the NE corner of the lot. Do not place trash (paper, cups, food items, etc.) in this pile. Take any trash (including scrap food) with you when you leave.
- Herbicides (weed killers) or pesticides are not permitted. There are several organic methods that can be effective for controlling pests. Regular watering, tilling and care of the soil will allow for easier removal of weeds.
- Gardening can be a family experience. Children should enjoy the experience and learn. Allow them to learn about the various plants and vegetables found in other plots while respecting those as others property.
- If your family includes pets, not all gardeners may be comfortable around pets so, while generally discouraged from the garden, if you do bring your pet, keep it leashed and pick up any "accidents" and dispose of off property.
- Due to underground plumbing, you are not to drive between the two groups of beds.

Remember: You are not the only gardener, so please respect other gardeners' privileges. Also, respect this as church property that is loaned to each of you and when we all value and abide by these guidelines, we will all have fun and enjoy the harvest.

NOTE: GraceWorks Church takes no responsibility for any injuries, loss of property or damage to plants and/or fruits or vegetables.

- Please check your e-mail periodically for information from the Garden Committee on gardening tips, ideas, etc.
- Reservations for the following year will be taken near the season's end. Each Gardener must apply each year for a plot, however, returning Gardeners will be given first choice and will be permitted to keep or change locations. The number of plots per Gardener will be limited according to demand.
- Should illness, vacation, etc. prevent you from tending and/or harvesting your plot, please make arrangements with another Gardener or contact a member of the Garden Committee.
- Should you decide not to use your plot or to discontinue its use, please contact a member of the Garden Committee so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. By the same token, should evidence of inactivity indicate, the Garden Committee will first contact you prior to reassignment. No refund of plot fees will be made.
- The Garden Committee will monitor the use of the Gardens and take any necessary action to avoid the misuse of the Gardens.
- Each garden must be cleared of old plants, debris, cages, trellises etc. by October 30, 2011

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