



General Rules & Safety Policies

Community Garden 2016

Blue Springs Parks & Recreation Department

These General Rules & Safety Policies demonstrate that the Blue Springs Parks & Recreation Department recognize our responsibility to manage gardening activities in a reasonable manner and to maintain reasonably healthy and safe conditions within the Community Garden site in Central Park at the corner of Walnut Street and 10th Street. Please read and acknowledge your agreement to comply by signing at the bottom of page 2. Questions or comments should be directed to the City's Parks & Recreation Department at 228-0137.

1. All gardeners are required to complete and sign an application form. Plots will be leased to individual gardeners on a first come, first serve basis. No refunds will be given on any plot after March 15th of each calendar year.
2. Community Gardener social and site improvement get-togethers will be scheduled during the growing season. To get the most out of your gardening experience we ask that you attend at least one of the get-togethers to meet your fellow gardeners and to assist with garden upkeep and special projects.
3. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. Grass and weeds in your garden and in the pathways are your responsibility and must be maintained. If your plot appears to be untended for an extended period (21 days) and you have not notified the Parks Department for the City of Blue Springs, you will be contacted. If the issue is not resolved, your plot may be assigned to another gardener. If you need help or plan to be out of town, please make arrangements for someone to help you.
4. Each plot will be bordered with 2" x 8" wood to identify your garden plot. Each plot is filled with organic material and is tested by the Jackson County Extension Service. They recommend that no additional fertilizer is required. All plantings must stay within the boundary of each rented garden plot.
5. Planting illegal, invasive, or noxious plants is prohibited.
6. By November 1st, all plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and orderly. If your garden is not cleaned, you could lose your gardening privileges for the following season.
7. Please put weeds and dead plants into the garden compost bin provided at the garden. Do not leave them in the pathways.
8. Each plot should be considered the property of the leasing gardener. Do not add anything to or remove anything from another person's plot without their expressed approval.



9. No structures (fences, benches, etc.) may be erected around and/or in your garden plots.
10. Do not leave water running unattended, and only water your plot. Roll up hoses when done.
11. No herbicides (chemical weed killers or preventatives) may be used in the garden.
12. The following items and activities are prohibited in the Community Garden: motorized power equipment, chemicals, smoking, chewing tobacco, pets, alcohol, drugs, radios or music players unless using earphones, fires and firearms.
13. All gardeners are responsible for their own safety. Children under age of 14 must be supervised at all times while in the garden.
14. Gardening is only permitted during daylight hours.
15. Do not leave garden tools at the garden site. The City of Blue Springs is not responsible for lost or stolen garden tools.
16. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the Parks & Recreation Department at 228-0137 or Blue Springs Police at 228-0150.
17. If you see a hazard or unsafe condition, please report it to the Parks & Recreation Department at 228-0137.

Violation of Community Garden Rules and/or Safety Policies will result in gardener receiving verbal and/or written notice to correct or address the violation. If the violation is not remedied or occurs repeatedly, gardening privileges may be forfeited.

I agree to comply with the above listed Rules and Safety Policies of the Blue Springs Community Garden and understand that the fee I pay to lease space in the garden is nonrefundable after March 15th of each calendar year.

Gardener Signature

Date

Printed Name