

Glendale Gardens Community Garden 2019 Terms and Conditions

Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only, though they may arrange for other gardeners to water or harvest their plots.

Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks the plot is subject to reassignment.

You can leave mulch and grass, secured fencing and climbers, and secured weed barriers, i.e. landscape fabric and burlap, over winter. We encourage you to let your vegetation decompose over winter in your plots.

We expect to hold a few work days during the growing season to maintain the two spaces that have been donated for our use by the City of Glendale and We Energies. Please watch the website and your email for announcements of those dates.

Release of All Claims

I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities that may incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the garden coordinator and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.
2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge Glendale Gardens, Garden Committee, Garden Coordinator, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Riverwest Food Pantry Donations

If you would like to donate produce to help those in need that you will not consume or harvest, please contact Derek Steiner at info@glendalegardens.org know and he will arrange delivery of the food to Riverwest Food Pantry. Furthermore, we would like to harvest produce that looks like it will soon begin to rot. If we notice rotting produce in your plot, we will contact you about harvesting and distributing this. We will not pick anything unless you instruct us.

Glendale Gardens Community Garden Rules

Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for all of the Garden Community is the primary goal of these rules and responsibilities. For that reason, please observe the rules of the Garden and be a good neighbor. This is a living document and may change as needed.

- ☐ If you have a surplus of produce you wish to donate, please contact us at info@glendalegardens.org who will be taking donations to the Riverwest Food Pantry.
- ☐ Put weeds in a black garbage bag in your plot. After being in the hot sun a month or so, you will have lots of red worms and great compost to put back in your garden.
- ☐ The Garden should be a safe place for the community, children and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the Garden.
- ☐ The Garden's steering committee has the duty of enforcing rules and resolving conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener or dismissing a current gardener.
- ☐ Please check with the garden coordinator for a map showing where your plot is, as well as information concerning the Garden, such as problems, events, information and notices.
- ☐ Teach your children to respect others' plots and not to waste water.
- ☐ Until water becomes available, you are responsible for bringing in your own water.
- ☐ Each person must apply each year for a plot. Returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish.
- ☐ If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or the coordinator to help keep up with weeds and harvesting.
- ☐ Generally visit your plot at least once a week. More if the season is very dry.
- ☐ If you decide not to use your plot, please contact the coordinator so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by June 15, it will be reassigned. In this case there would be no rental plot fee refund.
- ☐ If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After one week of no action, your plot may be cleared and reassigned. **Weed bins have placed in the gardens. PLEASE NO WEEDS IN THE COMPOST BINS!**
- ☐ Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw and hay are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Wood chips, burlap, cardboard, grass and landscape fabric are permitted for weed control.
- ☐ Please do not plant mint, catnip, comfrey, raspberries or other invasive plants.
- ☐ Please do not put up brightly colored fencing (such as orange construction fence) around your plot. Other fencing is ok but should not block paths.
- ☐ Keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbors' plants.
- ☐ Do not pick from the plots of others even if you think they have neglected their plot.
- ☐ Pack your trash and take back home to dispose of properly.
- ☐ No pets in the garden.
- ☐ Do not drive into the garden area.
- ☐ Please plan to participate in the Fall Cleanup.
- ☐ Do not use pesticides, fertilizers or weed repellents.
- ☐ Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.
- ☐ Restroom facilities are not provided. Please plan accordingly and respect our neighbor's properties.

Thank You!

Questions can be directed to Athena Voulgaropoulos at athena@glendalegardens.org

More information is available at www.glendalegardens.org