

CITY OF LAFAYETTE WILSON COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRAM

Rules and Regulations

A community garden is any land cultivated by a group rather than a single family or individual. In Lafayette, our publicly-held garden space does not allow commercial agriculture. Gardeners are expected to abide by the following rules and maintain the Garden as an enjoyable community asset for all members.

Water and Hoses:

- The use of water must be controlled and cannot be unattended.
- Per the City's Water Conservation Ordinance, HAND WATERING ONLY is permitted; broadcast watering is not allowed.
- Sprinklers are not allowed.
- There is no guarantee of water and pressure from the Garden well. The City may need to shut off water to gardens due to weather concerns at any time during the season, and water shut-off will be communicated via e-mail.

Plot Maintenance:

- Herbicides, insecticides, and fertilizers made from synthetic chemicals are not permitted.
- Plots must be maintained at all times, with weeds under control and produce harvested.
- Plot maintenance is the gardener's responsibility, as designated above. If a plot does not meet the community gardens standards, the City reserves the right to cancel your plot.
- If you choose to give up your plot at the end of the growing season and not renew your plot rental for that plot for the next year, make sure your plot is free of vegetation and turn the soil.

Path Maintenance:

- Paths must be maintained on all sides of your plot.
- Paths must be maintained weed free. Carpet is not an acceptable weed barrier.

Fences:

- Low, well-maintained fences are permitted around a plot.
- The fences can be between 1-3 feet high and must be entirely within the boundaries of your plot.
- Fences must be removed if the plot is forfeited.

Not Permitted:

- Trees are not permitted in garden plots.
- No pets are allowed in the gardens; however, working service animals are permitted.
- Smoking and chewing tobacco are not permitted on the Community Gardens Property. Tobacco carries Tobacco Mosaic Virus, which is lethal to tomato plants.

Music: Please use headphones if you want to listen to music while gardening.

Trash Removal: A dumpster for garden clean-up only will be provided during the growing season. No personal refuse is allowed.

Neglect/Forfeiture: If you cannot tend your plot for an extended period, please notify Matt Kamhi at 303-661-1483. If your plot is untended for two or more weeks without notice, it may be reassigned without refund and the contents donated.

Plot Billing:

- Plot payment is due in full at the time of registration.
- Annual payment is non-refundable and not prorated after the yearly billing date.

Important Dates for 2023

January 9: Resident Garden Plot Sign-Up Opens

January 16: Non-Resident Garden Plot Sign-Up Opens

The 2023 Season starts in April, weather permitting.

Depending on weather and regional drought conditions, the hand-watering spigot(s) in the Garden will be turned on in April and left on as conditions permit. Please watch for updates.

Important Phone Numbers and Contact Information:

Community Garden Application Administrator: 303-661-1483 or Matthew.Kahmi@lafayetteco.gov

I have read and fully understand and agree to the rules above:

Gardeners Name: _____ Date: _____

Gardeners Signature: _____

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RECREATION PROGRAM RELEASE

In consideration of my participation and or that of my child or ward in the City of Lafayette ("City") Recreation Department's programs or activities, do hereby for all, to the extent permitted by law assume the risk of participation and waive and release the City, its officers and employees from any and all claims, actions, or demands for any injury, loss, or damage arising out of, or related to participation in the programs or activities, whether or not such is caused by the act, error, omission, negligence or fault of the City, its officers or employees. I also on behalf of myself and my child or ward consent to the City's publication of photographs taken of any of us during our participation in the Recreation Department's programs or activities.

Self/Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____