



GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN - 2016

The following general rules for the Community Garden are for participating gardeners, and may be subject to change. A copy of the Columbia Community Garden Rules for the current season will be given to each registered gardener. These rules do not relieve Gardeners in any way from the need to comply with all other applicable federal and state laws, and Town of Columbia and Szegda Farm Ordinances.

As part of pest management strategies in 2016 all varieties of cucumbers, squash, pumpkin, melon and gourd plants will not be transplanted or planted into the garden until Memorial Day.

Garden plots are for horticultural use only for annual plantings.

Pets are not permitted in the garden area.

All work must be performed during daylight hours.

Gardens and the paths around them must be kept clean and free of weeds.

The use of weed killers (herbicides) is prohibited.

The use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers is strictly prohibited in the organic garden.

No illegal plants are permitted to be planted or brought to the community garden.

Potatoes (which present an insect control problem) may not be planted in garden plots.

Trees and bushes are not allowed to be planted in garden plots.

The removal of topsoil when harvesting crops is prohibited.

Garden wastes shall be placed into the composter or into the weed dump area provided.

All paper, landscape fabric, plastic containers, pots and other non-plant waste must be carried off-site.

Each gardener is expected to cleanup their plot to maintain eligibility at the end of each season, including the removal of plant materials and garden debris. Beginning in 2015, failure to complete the end of season cleanup will result in a security deposit required for continued participation equal to their plot registration fee. This is intended to insure cleanup and the deposit will be refunded upon inspection by the garden coordinator. The current deadline for cleanup is 11-15-16, and for those plots requiring a security deposit, by October 31.

*The Town of Columbia and its agents are not responsible for the theft of plants, vegetables, garden fixtures, apparatus, materials and tools left on the premises. **Gardeners will be required to lock entry gates after exiting (if they are the last to leave the area) when this procedure is initiated.***

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