

Rules and Regulations Wrangell Community Garden

1. Individual garden plots are to be used for growing vegetables and flowers. If you have excess produce, please share.

2. The Community Garden will accept applications on a first-come, first-serve basis, ~~with priority given to returning gardeners~~. If ~~returning~~ gardeners wish to secure their garden for each subsequent year, garden over winter, they must submit an application for ~~that~~ the subsequent ~~gardening~~ year by October 31st of the current year. ~~If returning gardeners do not wish to garden over winter, their application must be returned by March 1st of the subsequent gardening year.~~ Applications for new gardeners will be accepted on an open-enrollment basis, ~~at the beginning of April~~ on a first-come, first-serve basis.

3. The garden plot fee is per growing season, for each plot, and is due at the time of registration. There is an additional clean-up deposit, equal to the amount of your garden plot fee, which will be returned in the fall after plots are cleaned and inspected by the garden coordinator.

4. Communal work requirements: All gardeners agree to volunteer eight (8) hours of their time, for general maintenance and caring for the garden, throughout the growing season. It is vital to the garden's success, and the use of the site is contingent upon our ability to maintain it. Check the bulletin board or check-in with the volunteer coordinator to sign up for volunteer duties.

5. The Wrangell Community Garden program prefers organic gardening methods. Use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides made from synthetic materials, as well as the use of chemical fertilizers, are not recommended. A list of prohibited chemicals will be available for all gardeners' review. Any gardener found using any of the prohibited chemicals will be asked to relinquish their plot. **NO** dog or cat waste allowed.

6. If Community plots are planted, they will be in ~~a~~ designated areas. If you help with these areas, you may harvest from them.

7. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding, and clean-up of their own plots. Your plot needs to be in a cultivated status **by June 15th** out of respect for other gardeners. Plots that appear to be abandoned and full of weeds, at this date, may be subject to reassignment, with fees forfeited. At the end of the season, gardeners are required to remove all non-plant material from their plots, dead plant material from plots, including plastic pots, wire cages, stakes, tools, etc.

8. Gardeners are asked to conserve water at all times. Unattended watering is not permitted. Keep hoses neatly rolled up near their source.

9. Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage area when done. Tools are not to be removed from the garden site.

10. No illegal plants may be grown, including any plants listed on the State of Alaska's noxious weed list, which can be found on the web at: <http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=02>

11. Crops over six feet tall are not allowed in individual plots due to the shadow effect it causes for neighboring gardeners. Be considerate of your neighbors!

12. Cover crop regulations. If cover crops are used, gardeners must have executed an application for the following year, along with the following years' fees.

13. All dead plant material from gardener's plots must be disposed of in a proper fashion. Do not pile weeds and rocks in pathways. The garden group will provide a composting area for gardener's plant material waste/weeds.

14. Common-sense list of No's:

- No pets, with the exception of service animals.
- No motorized vehicles except for small roto-tillers.
- No littering.
- No disrespectful behavior such as alcohol consumption, loud music, or profanity.
- No invasive plants.

2. No taking food that is not yours.

3. Gates are to remain closed at all times. Please ensure you close all gates behind you after entering and leaving the garden site.

4. Gardeners who fail to follow the rules will receive a written warning. A secondary breach of the rules will result in termination of the gardener's plot. No refund will be given.

5. Children are strongly encouraged to respectfully participate in all the joys of gardening. Supervision is important at all times.

6. The bulletin board is a way for all of us to stay in touch. Please use it for any garden-related purposes.

7. These guidelines are subject to change. You are responsible for checking your e-mail, or the garden bulletin board for updated information.

8. Enjoy the season! Enjoy each other! Enjoy the food!

I have read the guidelines and agree to abide by them. I understand that my failure to comply may result in termination and reassignment of garden plots with no fee refund.

Signature:

Date: