

# COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS\*

Updated for Spring, 2015

\*Rates and work requirements for members and renters is on a separate document.

The Arvada Gardener's Club was started in the Spring of 1968 and with the cooperation of the City of Arvada, has sponsored a community garden ever since. The club and garden are managed entirely by garden club members who volunteer their time throughout the year.

Most garden plots are 12' by 22'. Accessible plots are 6' by 8' and are raised beds surrounded by wheel-chair friendly road crush. Included in renter and member package is a garden plot, a portable toilet, some tools, access to ditch water, trash dumpster, and of course a lot of storytelling.

There will be times when the ditch will be dry and we will not have water. This is beyond our control. **The ditch water used in the garden is not suitable for drinking. Parents caution your children!**

If you are interested in garden membership please see any garden member for details.

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**Some rules are necessary for smooth operation of the garden. You are responsible for knowing and following the rules. The decisions of the Gardener-in-Charge are final.**

1. Everyone joining the garden is required to give their name, address, phone number, emergency contact and email address in the event we need to contact you.
2. Gardeners with **Member** status will have access from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year, weather permitting. Members are also encouraged to take pump training so they can use water when desired.

Gardeners with **Renter** status will have access starting Saturday, April 18, through the first week of October. Renter hours and watering are restricted to posted Gardener-In-Charge periods. The current schedule for Gardener-In-Charge is as follows – weather permitting:

- Sunday 7:30am to noon
- Monday 4:30pm to 7:00pm
- Tuesday 4:30pm to 7:00pm
- Wednesday 7:30am to noon and 4:30pm to 7:00pm
- Thursday 4:30pm to 7:00pm
- Friday 4:30pm to 7:00pm
- Saturday 7:30am to noon

Persons climbing over or crawling through the fence to enter the garden will lose their gardening privilege and will forfeit their plot. Arvada city ordinance prohibits use of lights for

gardening after dark. The garden will be closed to everyone when the soil is soggy or when threatening weather is present.

3. Do not park in front of the dumpster or the east and west access gates. Please be mindful of the surrounding neighbors by not parking in front of their homes.
4. Children are welcome in the garden but for safety reasons they must stay with their parent(s) at all times. Children are not to "run" the paths or play with the tools, hoses and or water. Violations of this rule will result in the garden being closed to those parents and or children.
5. To a great extent, having a pleasant and successful gardening experience will revolve around the availability and use of hoses. Be considerate of your neighbor's needs.
  - a. Do not remove hoses from the spigots to which they are attached. Only one hose to a plot when other gardeners are waiting.
  - b. Lay hoses on paths only. Dragging a hose across someone else's plot will be sure to provoke a response. Do not coil your hose when you are finished; lay it smoothly along the path.
  - c. You may not leave hoses running when you are not there to tend them. Turn off spigots when you leave. Use water conservatively, it is in short supply.
  - d. The two spigots and hoses at the far northeast corner of the garden are for plots 131 through 139 only.
6. Do not throw or pile your weeds and vegetable debris on the paths or edge of the garden. Work them into the soil of your plot or place them in the dumpster. Do not throw garden debris on the embankments.
7. You along with your adjoining neighbors are responsible for keeping the paths dry and free of weeds and obstructions.
8. Gardeners are responsible for keeping track of their own tools and equipment. A limited number of club owned tools are available for community use while at the garden. These tools are not to be taken from the garden. Return tools and wheelbarrows to storage when you are finished with them.
9. Garden club volunteers are not there to resolve personal differences between gardeners. Be guardians of your children and your equipment. Be mindful of other gardener's property which includes their rented plot.
10. Gardening must be started by June 1 or the garden plot will be reassigned to another renter or renters on the waiting list. The plot fee will not be returned. People not wanting their garden plot for any reason should notify the garden club. Abandoned or neglected plots will be plowed under for weed control.
11. For the health and comfort of all gardeners and to guard against the tobacco mosaic virus, which affects tomatoes, peppers and eggplant, the garden is a non-smoking, tobacco free environment.
12. THE ARVADA GARDENER'S CLUB AND/OR THE GARDENER-IN-CHARGE, RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OF ANY PLANT(S) WHICH THEY DEEM TO BE NOXIOUS OR UNDESIRABLE. This includes any plants that may be considered legal by the State of Colorado.

13. Persons taking vegetables from other gardener's plots without permission will have their gardening privileges terminated. Disruptive behavior may also cause termination of privileges.
14. The "Put-n-Take" table at the shelter is for everybody to use. "Put" what you would like to share and "Take" what you need. Transplants at the table are there for use at the garden only.
15. The storage sheds and pump station are restricted to garden members only.
16. Plot stakes shall not be moved or removed. If you have problems or questions about the corner stakes, hoses or faucets please see the club member who is on duty.
17. For mosquito control water containers are to be covered at all times.
18. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the garden.
19. Bicycles are to be left just inside the main gate. Please lock your bike as the garden club is not responsible for theft.
20. Do not bring pets into the garden.
21. Please clean up after yourself after each visit. Take your trash home or dispose of it in the dumpster.
22. If you wish to reserve your garden for the following season, you must do so on the sign up sheet which will be posted at the "Put-n-Take" table during the month of September.
23. Garden plots must be cleaned by the end of the growing season. All rocks, strings, wire, bean poles, stakes (not corner stakes), fencing, cages, containers and any other materials used during the growing season must be removed from the garden.
24. Tomato vines and fruit, all other vines, leaf bags, giant sunflower stalks and garden debris must be removed by the end of the growing season.
25. ANY VIOLATION OF RULES 23 AND/OR 24 WILL RESULT IN A \$20.00 CLEAN-UP FEE AND THE DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS LEFT BEHIND.