

Quann Community Garden Rules 2017

- ✓ Quann Community Gardens is an organic garden. No chemical pesticides or fertilizers may be used.
- ✓ The Executive Committee has the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions. They have the authority to resolve conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener and dismissing a current gardener.
- ✓ The garden should be a safe place for all. Do not bring anything that will compromise safety.
- ✓ You may not pick from others' gardens, even if you think they have neglected their plot.

Garden Resources: All of our resources (water, hoses, tools, compost...) are purchased from your plot fees. Be gentle, observant, and conserve what you can to help the environment and keep your fees from increasing.

- ✓ *Water and hoses* - Turn off the water when not in use. Be gentle with and return the hoses when finished.
- ✓ *Compost* - Share. Gardeners are limited to two wheelbarrows of compost per plot per month.
- ✓ *Tools* - Return all tools to the shed after each use. Double check your plot and remind your neighbors.
- ✓ If you have excess weeds to compost, bring them to the community compost area. Sticks/wood, garbage, recycling, and thorns are not allowed – these are your responsibility to bring home and properly dispose.

Your Plot: You are responsible for both your plot and four hours of volunteer work per plot that contributes to the upkeep of the whole garden. See the Executive Committee or list in the shed for opportunities.

- ✓ Each person must apply for their plot each year, but returning gardeners are given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot. The number of plots per gardener may be limited according to demand.
- ✓ The stakes that mark your plot boundaries and plot number must be left in place all season.
- ✓ If you decide not to use your plot, contact Registration so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no activity in your plot by June 1st, it will be reassigned. No refunds on plot fees.
- ✓ If you are unable to care for your plot because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener to help.
- ✓ You will receive a warning if your plot is too weedy. After 1 week of no action, the plot may be reassigned.
- ✓ Biodegradable mulch (*i.e.* compost, leaves, straw, and hay) is encouraged. Carpet is not allowed.
- ✓ Please do not plant catnip, mint, Jerusalem artichokes, comfrey, or raspberries.
- ✓ Do not shade your neighbors' plots: do NOT place your compost bin on the north side of your plot and keep tall plants (*e.g.* corn, sunflowers) near the center of your plot.
- ✓ Weed & pick up trash around your plot. Keep grass trimmed on your half of the pathway along your plot.
- ✓ Quann is not for commercial use. If you have a surplus of food, please donate it to a pantry.