

Care for Individual Plots

A beautiful and healthy community garden is a patchwork of well-maintained, carefully tended individual plots, stitched together with community engagement. To ensure the overall success and beauty of the Brighton Community Garden, it is expected that gardeners will agree to the following guidelines:

- You may begin working in your plot as soon as you receive your plot assignment. Cultivation and planting of individual plots should begin no later than **June 1**; plots that have not been cultivated by that date may be reassigned.
- Gardeners will care for the garden by keeping their plot and adjacent pathways clean and free of weeds, trash, and garden tools/equipment. Plots will be well-maintained and actively tended throughout the garden season.
- In keeping with the goal of the garden to promote local, healthy, sustainable food production, **only organic methods of gardening may be used. Synthetic chemical fertilizers, herbicides, and/or pesticides are strictly prohibited.**
- No permanent structures in the garden
- All additional fencing, trellising etc...must be less than 6' tall
- Pop Up Tents are prohibited in the garden
- Gardeners will bring their own tools; tool storage for private use will not be available at the garden.
- No dogs in the garden
- To prepare the garden for winter, plots will be cleaned and cleared of all spent plant material by November 1.

Care for the Community Garden

The efforts of the community of gardeners will assure the beauty and success of the garden as a whole. The following guidelines will help make this possible:

- All gardeners will keep their plots and adjoining paths level and free of holes, weeds, tools, wheelbarrows, rocks, litter, and trash.
- Garbage must be disposed of at the Buckland Park Dumpster or your home.
- All gardeners will commit to helping maintain the common areas.
 - Work teams for the 2025 growing season will be formed for maintenance of the following garden areas: compost pile, entry garden, Brighton Food Cupboard plot, fence/perimeter, and abandoned plot recovery
 - All garden participants will be expected to join a work team and contribute time and effort toward the garden's upkeep.
 - It is expected that the time requirement will be approximately four hours over the season.
- All gardeners will be treated with respect by their fellow gardeners.
- Participants will pick crops only from their own plots.
- Tall plants should not be planted to shade neighboring plots.
- A common compost area will be available for plant debris from the garden; it is requested that no other materials be added to the compost. Plastic of any kind and invasive species

are not permitted in the compost pile and MUST be removed from the garden. Dumpsters are available at Buckland Park.

- Children are encouraged to participate in the garden under supervision. Pets should not be brought into the garden.