

# LAKE HILLS GREENBELT & CROSSROADS PARK GARDEN GUIDELINES



## 1. GENERAL GARDEN USE

- a. The garden is open for use between dawn and dusk.
- b. Garden plots are used for growing flora for the gardener's use, or charity donation.
- c. Each garden plot is approximately 10'x40'. Expanding plots is prohibited.
- d. There is no storage allowed in the Ranger Station Garden for tools, supplies or any other materials. The Crossroads Gardeners will be allowed access to the provided shed upon payment.

## 2. PLOT ACQUISITION, EXPANSION & TERMINATION

- a. P-Patches are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, with Bellevue residents given priority. The City cannot guarantee returning gardeners will receive the same plot as previous years.

Returning gardeners must be in good standing with the City of Bellevue's Parks Dept. to be allowed a plot the following year.

- b. Renewal registration for returning gardeners will begin in early 2013. Payment receipts will be mailed to gardeners as processed. Your plot number(s) will be listed on this receipt. New gardeners will be added to the mailing list and notified as garden plots become available.
- c. Requests for 2nd plots will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis 2 months after the opening date (if available). Maximum 2 plots per household.
- d. The City will till, measure, string and number all Seasonal plots by the opening date. Unfavorable weather may lead to opening postponement or a cancellation of tilling, in which case gardeners will be notified. Individual exceptions to opening date will not be made.

e. If you no longer wish to garden, you must notify the Garden Manager and remove all tools and plants from your garden. After two weeks, all plants and tools remaining will be donated to charity. Gardeners may not transfer their plot(s) to unregistered parties.

f. Seasonal Plots: Gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot by the closing date. Failure to do so will result in the loss of remaining materials. Clearing includes removing **all** non-organic materials (i.e., stakes, string, wire, plastic, lumber, etc...) brought in by the gardener. The City will till and cover crop all Seasonal plots after the closing date (excluding raised beds).

g. Year-Round Plots: Gardeners are responsible for winter preparation of their plots. Once the harvest is completed, plots must be cleared of dead vegetation and cover-cropped, mulched or tilled. Year-round maintenance is required.

### **3. CULTIVATION & MAINTENANCE**

a. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding, watering or otherwise caring for their plot.

b. When plots become obviously neglected for more than 2 weeks (or 1 month after opening) gardeners will be contacted by the Garden Manager. A period of 2 weeks is then given to enhance the plot condition. If you are contacted about a neglected plot more than 2 times in a year and your plot remains in a similar condition a 3rd time, the plot may be reassigned with no refund. Please contact Garden Manager in case of extenuating circumstances.

c. The City provides irrigation water, please use it wisely. Gardeners are responsible for providing hoses and sprinklers. Do not leave hoses attached to faucets or in walkways. All water use must be monitored to minimize water use and runoff. Please conserve water as much as possible.

d. Tires, concrete and structures other than basic trestles are prohibited. Trestles must be removed when not in use and/or by the closing date. Terracing above 6" is prohibited. Wire or mesh fencing less than 3' tall is permitted in the garden.

e. Power tools (i.e., rototillers, weed eaters, etc...) are allowed only upon request and approval from the City.

#### **4. GOOD NEIGHBOR PRACTICES**

- a. Gardeners must keep their borders free from weeds, vines, or other materials that may impact the enjoyment of neighboring plots.
- b. Unsightly debris such as plastic bags, milk jugs, buckets, and/or other materials that are clearly not being used lower the overall aesthetics of the Garden and must be removed.
- c. Dumping, composting or storing any materials in the lawn areas, pathways or natural areas around the Garden is prohibited and will not be tolerated.
- d. Tall plants (such as corn, sunflowers, or tall trellised plants) that cast extensive shade should be planted where they will not impact adjoining gardens.
- e. The City discourages pets in the Garden. If pets are brought, they must be kept on-leash at all times.
- f. Due to the open nature of parks and garden sites City of Bellevue Parks is not responsible for loss of garden products. Please notify the police or Garden Manager if you witness vandalism or theft.

#### **5. GARDEN SAFE & ECO-FRIENDLY**

Our community garden follows stringent eco-friendly practices to encourage a positive impact on local wildlife and the environment while following the rules set out by the City of Bellevue Parks System. With your help, we will keep the gardens safe for future generations.

- a. The use of synthetic chemicals that act as weed killers, pesticides, fungicides, etc. are prohibited. However, organic methods for controlling weeds and pests are encouraged.
- b. The use of synthetic fertilizers in powder form or in pre-packaged potting soils are prohibited. Organic fertilizers are encouraged.
- c. Manures must be fully composted. Raw manure from any animals, as well as any human waste, is prohibited.
- d. Plants prohibited in the Garden include those on the Washington State Noxious Weed List, grasses, shrubs, trees and weeds.
- d. Building materials: The use of pressure treated wood is prohibited. Paint or

stain must be safe for vegetable gardening and applied outside of the garden. Non-arsenic treated wood (ACQ or CBA-treated) is preferred in the Garden.

d. Gardeners are responsible for removing diseased plants. The Garden Manger may also remove diseased plants from anywhere in the Garden. Smoking is prohibited to prevent introduction of tobacco mosaic virus.

e. Containers of open-standing water should be avoided, because they can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the rules and guidelines and understand the conditions of participating in the City of Bellevue P-Patch Program. I understand that failure to comply may result in non-renewal/non-approval of my application and/or termination of gardening privileges.

**CAUTION! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. WAIVER OF LIABILITY/RELEASE.**

To the extent provided by law, in consideration of myself and/or my child(ren) being allowed to use City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services facilities and/or participate in City-sponsored activities, I assume all risks, including risk of injury or death, associated with my or my child(ren)'s use of said facilities and/or participation in said activities. I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, assigns, and personal representatives, to waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages, including attorney fees, I now, or may hereafter have, whether known or unknown, against the City of Bellevue and its officials, employees, and agents for any injuries suffered by me or my child(ren) in connection with the use of City facilities or participation in City-sponsored activities. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this Waiver of Liability and fully understand that I am waiving any right that I may have to bring a legal action to assert a claim against the City of Bellevue for negligence.

**PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE:** I give my permission to have photos and/or video recordings taken of me or my child(ren) for publicity purposes during City of Bellevue activities even though we will not receive compensation of any kind for appearing in such photos or video recordings.

I have read, understood, and voluntarily accepted the conditions of the Waiver of Liability/Release and the Photo Release printed above. If you wish to waive the photo release, please contact the main office at 425-452-6885 or [Parksweb@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Parksweb@bellevuewa.gov).

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