

Village of Redgranite

Community Garden Rules and Regulations

Plot Size

The garden boxes are 4 ft by 10 ft. Each box will be marked with a number. Plots will be assigned by the Village on a first come, first serve basis after residents sign a community garden agreement and pay a \$40 fee. \$20 will be returned at the end of the season if the garden bed is cleaned out. This amount can also be applied to the following year's rental, if desired.

Community Garden Opening Date

The garden will officially open the first Monday in May of each year. The garden will not be open prior to this date.

Pets

Pets are not allowed in the community garden.

Safety and Courtesy

Children must be supervised at all times by adults in the community garden. Do not allow your children to touch others' garden boxes for any reason.

Gardeners are asked not to put fences around their plots. Fences present a possible tripping hazard for others using the garden.

Do not allow vine crops to grow into garden paths or neighboring boxes. To prevent this, gardeners are allowed to use trellises.

Anyone who vandalizes or steals from someone else's garden box will not be allowed to participate in the Community Garden Program.

Burning is not allowed anywhere in the garden area.

There is no smoking or alcohol allowed in the garden area.

Garbage

All trash (containers, paper, etc.) and other refuse must either be taken with you or placed in the provided garbage can. This includes plant and weed material during the growing season. Gardeners shall complete an end of season clean-up of their bed by October 31st. At that time, the beds must be cleared of all plant and weed material. This material should be placed in a main aisle and will be picked up by public works.

Garden Plot Fertilizing and Mulching

Gardeners may apply organic (such as composted plants and manure) or chemical fertilizer (such as 10-10-10) to garden plots. Make sure that chemical fertilizers do not also contain pesticides, as these products are not allowed in gardens. Follow application rates for commercial products carefully, as excess chemical fertilizers can burn plants and/or reduce seed germination. Straw, leaves, and newspaper are options. Plastic film may NOT be used as mulch because it interferes with maintenance. Be sure to cover newspapers with soil or leaf mulch to prevent it from blowing away.

Garden Neglect and Weed Control

Gardens and pathways must be kept free of weeds. Gardeners are responsible for weeding their gardens and the borders of the area. The garden is in public display and a neat garden appearance is important. Also, the fewer the weeds, the higher the yield potential. Weeds spread seeds to adjacent garden plots and cause problems for other gardeners. Hoeing and hand weeding to control weeds, as well as mulching are very important.

Gardeners need to maintain a clean-looking plot. Those who have neglected garden plots will be notified and given two weeks to remove weeds. If a gardener does not comply, the garden plot will be mowed, and the gardener will lose the community gardening privileges for the following year.

Authorized People

Only garden participants, people the gardeners invite, or other authorized personnel with business at the site are permitted in the garden site.

Water at Garden Site

Water tanks will be available in the garden. Please make sure you turn off the spigots after use. Sprinklers or soaker hoses are not allowed.

Soil Preparation

Gardeners may use hand tools in their garden boxes. No gas-powered rototillers are allowed. The boxes will be filled with a combination of topsoil and compost prior to the 1st season. Gardeners will need to provide their own seeds, plants, fertilizer and tools.

Pesticide Use

Pesticides are chemicals used to kill or repel pests. Pesticides include herbicides (which kill weeds), insecticides (which kill insects).

Pesticides are poisonous and pose a threat to animals, plants, and insects beyond the target pest. For this reason, and because highly toxic insecticides and herbicides may drift to neighboring garden plots, insecticide or herbicide use in the community garden is strictly forbidden.

Village of Redgranite Community Garden Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

I have received a copy of the Village of Redgranite Community Garden Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. I agree to hold harmless the Village of Redgranite, its officers, and employees from any and all liability of bodily harm, damage, or loss of any kind of nature arising from, or in any manner connected with my participation in the Village of Redgranite Community Garden.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Checks should be made payable to the "Village of Redgranite." May also pay with cash or card.

Please drop off at Village Hall either in person or in the drop-box after hours.

Office Use Only:

Date Paid: _____

Receipt #: _____

Cash/Check#: _____

Plot #: _____