

## **City of Fife Community Garden Rules and Guidelines**

1. All Plots are 10' x 10' (approximate size) and will be rented for the season at the following rates:

City of Fife Resident/Fife Business Owner:      \$17.50 / season

Non Resident:    \$35.00 / season

2. City of Fife resident applications are due by March 1 and non-resident applications by March 15. Applications will be processed on a first come first served basis based on these deadlines and each gardener will be assigned one (1) plot. Additional plots may be reserved after the initial registration period, pending availability, with a maximum of 6 plots per household. Returning gardeners may secure a garden plot if application is received by January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Returning gardeners that rented more than one plot are not guaranteed multiple plots. Once an application has been approved and a plot assigned, rental fees are non-refundable.

3. The gardening season is April 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Plots not visibly planted within fourteen (14) days of the first day of the season may be assigned to another gardener, without refund. Please contact the Community Garden Coordinator if you are unable to plant or maintain your garden plot.

4. The City of Fife will provide initial and end of season tilling of plots. Gardeners are responsible for additional cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering and end-of-season clean up and all other care for their plots. Plants on the State's Noxious Weed List as well as illegal or invasive plants are not allowed. Responsible parties of plots that appear consistently weedy, overgrown or unattended will be contacted via telephone, mail or email and provided five (5) days to clean-up the plot. Continued inactivity may result in the plot being reassigned to another gardener and all fees forfeited.

5. The community garden program is an organic gardening program. Use of pesticides, herbicides and insecticides made from synthetic materials as well as use of chemical fertilizers is strictly prohibited. Fully composted manures such as steer and chicken manure are allowed.

6. Community gardens are to be used for recreational gardening and for growing vegetables and flowers for personal or family use. Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial purposes is prohibited. The growing of all cannabis and/or hemp is prohibited.

7. Parking areas are available adjacent to the main park area. Driving and parking outside of the designated parking areas is prohibited. This applies to loading and unloading. Motorized vehicles and equipment, with the exception of small rototillers are not allowed in the garden.

8. Animals, alcohol and smoking are prohibited in the garden area. This does not include service animals.

9. Children are welcome and encouraged to garden, but those under the age of twelve (12) must be supervised by an adult. Do not allow children to run or play on other plots.

10. Please wind up hoses after watering and clean up after yourself. This means that hoses, tools and rubbish should be neatly stacked and recycled in the appropriate location or taken home. If your space is consistently left in a disorderly manner, it may result in loss of the plot with no refund.



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11. Respect your fellow gardener. Plantings must be kept within the borders of your own plot. Allow space for vining or spreading crops. Pathways and fence lines need to be kept clear. Gardeners are responsible for keeping the pathways around their plot clean and weed free.
12. Gardeners must be present at their plots while watering them. Please conserve water as much as possible.
13. Please place all plant and organic matter in the designated compost area. Do not place plant matter in the park trash cans; these are for trash only.
14. At the end of the season, gardeners are required to remove all non-plant material from their plots including weed-block fabric, plastic pots, wire tomato cages, stakes, tools, etc. Gardeners who fail to adequately clean out their plots will not be reassigned to them the following year.
15. Gardeners are encouraged to donate extra produce to local food banks.
16. The commercial growing fields surrounding the community garden area are not part of the garden. Please respect our local farming community by refraining from disturbing the neighboring fields.
17. The City of Fife cannot guarantee against vandalism or theft. Gardeners are required to sign a Hold Harmless Agreement annually at the time their plot is reserved. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please notify the police by calling 253-922-6633 to file a report as well as the Parks and Recreation office at 253-922-0900. Due to the open nature of parks and garden sites, the City of Fife is not responsible for loss of garden products or personal items left on site.
18. Violation of these rules and guidelines may result in revocation of current and/or future gardening rights, with or without notice.

I have read, understand, and hereby agree to abide by the City of Fife Community Garden Rules and Guidelines as stated above.

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Fife Community Garden Plot Renter

Date: \_\_\_\_\_