

City of Richland
Parks and Recreation Department
2010
Community Garden Agreement

GUIDELINES

1. It is the gardener's responsibility to plant and maintain their garden plot. If the plot is not worked or attended within 14 days after opening, it may be reassigned.
2. Gardener's who fail to maintain their plot and have a consistently weedy or unattended plot will be contacted and must clean up their assigned plot within 5 days. Continued inactivity will be viewed as an abandonment of the garden plot, and the plot will be forfeited and made available for the next party on the waiting list (refer to Rule #13).
3. Each person and/or family will be allowed to lease one plot. Reservations for garden plots will be taken until March 15, 2010. Priority will be given to Richland residents. The City will establish a waiting list for garden plots.
4. Gardener responsibilities and courtesies will include:
 - A. Maintenance of shared paths to and adjacent to your plot, includes (but is not limited to) no digging in paths, weeding, keeping paths rock free and unobstructed.
 - B. No smoking within the garden area.
 - C. Removal of trash and litter from your plot and taken home for disposal (garbage cans are not provided by the City).
 - D. Providing own hoses, tools and other gardening equipment.
 - E. No tires allowed at the garden sites for planting purposes.
 - F. Stay out of other garden plots whether used or not.
5. Registered gardeners are responsible to notify the City with any contact information changes. Changes should be reported to the Parks and Recreation Department at 509-942-PLAY.
6. The use of pesticides is not permitted.
7. Absolutely no expansion of garden area beyond the designated and marked plots. Removal of plot marker stakes will result in forfeiture of your plot and deposit.



ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE

I am fully aware of the special dangers and risks inherent in this activity, including but not limited to, the risk of serious physical injury, other harmful consequences, even death, that may arise or result directly or indirectly to me from my participation in this activity. Being fully informed as to these risks and in consideration of my being allowed to participate in City sponsored activities, I hereby assume all risk of injury, damage, liability and harm to myself arising from such activities. I also hereby individually and on behalf of my heirs, executors and assigns, release and hold harmless the City of Richland, their officials, employees and agents, and/or property owners and waive any right of recovery that I might have to bring a claim or lawsuit against them for any personal injury, death, or other consequences occurring to me arising out of my occupancy and/or use of the Community garden program.

I have read and received a copy of the Community Garden Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines and agree to comply with the rules stated within.

Signature _____ Date _____



REGISTRATION FORM	
Printed Name: _____	Date of Birth: ___/___/___
Address: _____	City: _____
Phone: _____	E-mail: _____

Plot Size Requested:

5' x 10'
\$5.00 per season

10' x 10'
\$10 per season

10' x 15'
\$15 per season

20' x 20'
\$20 per season

Plots are assigned by the Parks and Recreation Department, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, excluding City-observed holidays. Applications may be mailed to: City of Richland, Parks and Recreation Department, 500 Amon Park Drive, Richland, WA 99352.

Your requested plot size will be considered and assigned based on available space. Identification cards will be issued to each applicant assigned to a plot and the cards must be present with the person when in the community garden site.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Children must be supervised at all times.
2. Gardeners may begin working their assigned plots beginning March 15; the season ends October 31. Park and gardening hours are 5:00 am to 11:00 pm.
3. Access to water will be by the hose bibs provided within the community garden area. A faucet key will be assigned to each plot. There will be a \$5.00 charge for replacing lost faucet keys. Gardener's must be present within the community garden area while watering. Irrigation of any kind shall not be left on unattended.
4. The City of Richland Community Garden Program encourages and prefers organic gardening. Use of pesticides is not allowed. Slug bait is permitted only when used in enclosed containers, which must be removed from the garden area after use. Use of raw human or animal waste is not allowed due to environmental and health concerns. Fully composted manures such as steer and chicken manure are allowed.
5. The City of Richland may help with the initial plowing each season. Gardeners are responsible for additional cultivating, fertilizing, weeding, watering, litter pick-up, end of season clean-up and all other care their plots require.
6. Illegal plants and plants on the State of Washington's Noxious Weed List are not allowed.
7. The Community Garden Program is to be used for recreational gardening and for vegetables and flowers for personal and family use. Gardening for commercial gain is not allowed.
8. All dead plant material must be taken with you unless a composting area is provided within the community garden area. Do not pile rocks, weeds or other material in the pathways.
9. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please call the non-emergency number 628-0333. Due to the open nature of the parks and garden site, the City is not responsible for the loss of garden products, tools or equipment.
10. Maintenance of waterlines and related service is the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Department. Contact Regina Stredwick by e-mail at: rstredwick@ci.richland.wa.us or by calling 942-7526.
11. Dogs, cats and other animals, except for service animals, are not allowed in the garden area at any time.
12. Smoking, alcohol, profanity, yelling and loud music are **prohibited**.
13. Gardeners who fail to follow the rules will first receive a written warning. A secondary breach of rules will result in termination of the Agreement and loss of the garden plot.
14. At the end of the season gardeners are required to remove all material from their plot including plant materials, weed block, pots, cages, stakes, tools, etc. Failure to complete clean-up at end of the season will forfeit the applicant's ability to receive garden plots in the future.
15. No power tools are allowed, i.e., weed eaters, tillers, etc.

