



Tudek Park Community Garden Plots Rules and Regulations

Community Gardens are about being a good neighbor and good steward of the resource. First and most important, you are responsible for the maintenance of your plot(s) and the garden paths that intersect your plot. The plot, the security deposit, and rental fees may be forfeited if the rules are not followed. You are also the eyes and ears for the garden, so please report any problems that you are seeing.

Items of Note:

- Please be sure to read the information on the Garden Plot Bulletin Board (on the side of the tool shed at the gardens), on the main entrance gate, on the bins, and on CRPR's website.
- There must be no trash or debris in your plot (plastic bags, empty planters, plastic jugs, etc.), and no trash should be disposed of in the bins that are used for compost, wood chips, organic waste, or rocks. There are trash receptacles provided for garden-related trash. Please, do not bring household trash to the gardens for disposal.
- Organic waste (pulled weeds and garden debris) must be placed in the designated bin outside the gate. If any household or other types of trash mix with organic waste, it cannot be used for compost and CRPR must pay for it to be taken to the landfill.
- Please plant tall crops only where they will not shade neighboring plots. Unlawful plants are prohibited.
- Please keep the gates to the garden **closed at all times**; this helps control the wildlife.
- Please park only in the designated parking area, so that you do not block other cars or the rental house and the renter's access to the barn and outbuildings.
- The wood chips are intended for use on paths only, not as garden plot compost and will be offered when available.
- Please note the new restrictions on using the CRPR-supplied COMPOST (Item #10 below), and the changes to the work-days (Item #12 below)

Additional Rules:

- Please keep weeds in your garden plots to a minimum; weeds should not exceed 4" in height. If your weeds start to impede another person's plot, you will receive a warning.
- The garden paths that intersect your garden plots must remain weed free throughout the entire season. Wood chips will be available to re-cover the path when needed.

- Regardless of height, ALL weeds must be removed prior to going to seed. Do not permit weeds from your plot to spread into your neighbor's garden or onto the garden paths. There will be Garden Maintenance Checks ("weed checks") periodically by CRPR Staff.
- At no time will gardeners be allowed to use the community gardens perimeter fence as a trellis. If you have climbing plants, you must provide your own trellis, and if that trellis is placed near the perimeter fence, you must prune/train your plants to climb your trellis only and not the perimeter fence.
- **The 3-Strike Rule applies.** Plots will be revoked and cleared upon the issuance of the 3rd strike. Gardeners will be provided with the 1st warning via phone or email if their plot requires maintenance. All 2nd warnings will be issued by mail. With the 3rd warning, issued by mail, the plot will be revoked and cleared. The security deposit will therefore be forfeited and used toward expenses for clearing the plot for a future gardener.
- **NEW:** The warning history is **NOT** fully cleared each year; 50% of any warnings from the prior year will rollover to the next year. If you have two warnings from a previous year, one warning will rollover to the next year.
- **It is expected that if you receive any warnings, that you complete the work within the noted time in the warning notice.** Typically, CRPR allows 10 days to two weeks for you to correct the issues prior to the next inspection. If you do not correct the issues, you will receive another warning and the clock starts again.
- The SECURITY DEPOSIT will be used, when necessary, to offset any cleanup, weed control, or other costs for your plot during the season. All plots must be cleaned up for the winter. Any unused security deposits will be available for (1) refund or (2) held and applied for next year's Security Deposit. It is noted that any deposits held for the next year do not constitute a guaranteed reservation for a plot. CRPR reserves the right to relocate assigned plots or reconfigure the plot layouts from year to year. **If CRPR has no response at the end of the season, listing what your intentions are for the following year; your deposit will be automatically forfeited.**
- Absolutely no pets are allowed in the gardens. Pets outside gardens MUST be on a leash and under direct control of the owner.
- While raised beds are permitted, please do not dig deep trenches (4" or deeper) and large mounds in your garden. Please do not bring rocks and large stones into your plot or to define the borders of your plot.
- Some garden tools and carts are available in the shed by the barn. Please clean and replace any borrowed items back into the shed. Please do not leave any tools at the gardens and also help keep the tool shed clean and organized. If a particular tool is not provided by CRPR, you should bring what you need with you. (***Please see below on tool availability during COVID-19**)
- Water will be provided at the garden spigots. Use water buckets only; **hoses are strictly prohibited.** Please report any water leaks to the CRPR office.
- Compost will be provided as available during the beginning of the season, but a supply is not guaranteed. You are welcome to purchase your own compost for your garden plot (available at Lowe's, Home Depot, and some local municipalities).
- Compost will be distributed on opening day. A single plot receives one wheelbarrow full and a double plot gets two wheelbarrows full. It is appreciated if anyone would like to volunteer on this day. While limited compost will be provided by CRPR, the supply is not guaranteed.
- Help reduce garden pilferage by getting to know the gardeners near you and be aware of strangers and suspicious activities. Please report any suspicious people, activities, and any instance of theft to the Ferguson Township Police at 1-800-479-0050.

- Applicant agrees to hold harmless Centre Region Parks & Recreation, the Township of Ferguson, and the Tom Tudek Memorial Trust from any injuries or personal property damage to myself or my guests that may occur at or near the garden site.
- **No gardeners or their guests should ever touch or pick anything from any other plots without consent.** Please make sure all gardeners are very mindful of this rule. You will be asked to leave the gardens if you are caught removing anything from someone else's plot.
- Work days will not be mandatory this year; however, work days will be offered and projects will be available for each work day. More information will be available via the bulletin boards, the Gardens Facebook page, and via email.
- To combat pests within the gardens, CRPR will handle any trapping or other pest management options via professional vendors; gardeners should never take it upon themselves to touch any traps or other methods of pest control. Please keep in mind, that you are working in a community garden. There is wildlife everywhere. It is absolutely **IMPOSSIBLE** to keep all rodents out and is very expensive. CRPR and any third-party pest management vendors must closely follow state and federal policies when managing pests, and hold permits to do so.

End-of-Season Requirements

- All wooden stakes, excluding the plot corner stakes, must be removed and piled neatly in the front corner of the plot.
- All plastic coverings, fencing, tomato cages, trellis structures, garden ornaments, or personal watering cans must be removed and taken home.
- All plants and weeds, excluding perennials and cool season crops which are still producing, must be removed from the plots and placed in the appropriate bin outside the fence. Cover crops may remain. Any compost piles must be spread across the plot or removed from the site.
- Plastic compost bins may remain at the owner's risk, but they must be secured with rope so that the top does not blow away.

Thank you for abiding by these rules and recommendations; they can only help to build a great COMMUNITY garden! Have fun and enjoy the beauty of nature around you!

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* COVID-19 Information- Please be aware that the use of shared tools from the shed will not be available until further notice. This is in place for the safety of all gardeners. The shed will be locked until COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted.