



SILO RANCH
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COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **It is up to you to clear, prep and maintain your own garden**, which includes the aisles and perimeter. Do not plant in the walking paths and keep equipment and debris out of the walkway. You must maintain a walking path around your garden plot. Please remember to keep your plot in check and only plant crops you have time for and skills to control.
2. Garden Plots will be assigned to you and clearly marked with a stake with a number on it.
3. Planting in individual garden plots will commence only after a date has been announced and the garden supervisor has verified with the plot owner that the location is correct and informational packet picked up. If you plant in the wrong garden plot, you will need to remove your plants and items immediately.
4. GARDENS MUST BE KEPT FREE FROM WEEDS OR KEPT DOWN (This includes the aisles and perimeter). Should the plot owner be on vacation longer than two weeks, someone must be assigned to weed and care for the garden plot. **If a garden is left unattended for more than two weeks and no contact has been made with the garden supervisor it will be considered abandoned and offered to the other plot owners.** Gardens are not intended to be left fallow. When gardens are assigned, they are intended to be planted. You may not leave an entire garden unplanted or unattended, or just covered over for the entire season.
5. In your absence, any visitor to your garden must give written notice to the garden supervisor.
6. Any garden that is abandoned or left to weed over will lose any privileges for their garden plot for the next year.
7. If a fence is used, fences are to be approximately 12 inches inside your plot line on all sides. No plants are allowed on the fence line. Fencing will be no higher than approximately 4 feet. Structures will be no higher than the fence line. Structures do not include tomato cages, bean towers or single trellises. **NO ORANGE OR COLLAPSIBLE FENCING OF ANY TYPE.**
8. **No refuse of any kind including plastic, aluminum, paper and stones may be left on the property.** All refuse plant matter must be removed or placed in the designated compost area.

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9. NO PETS will be allowed(if you require a service dog you must notify the parks office at 248-926-0063).
10. Children are encouraged to participate in the gardening experience, however they must be accompanied by an adult at all times. and must be respectful of other gardeners and plots. This is a farm that has livestock, absolutely No Horse Play or you may be asked to leave for the safety of the animals and yourself.
10. CORN, SUNFLOWERS and any plants taller than 5 feet are not allowed in your plot.
11. Gardening hours are from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm daily.
11. Non-biodegradable materials (for example, weed barrier, flowerpots, buckets, cages, trellises, metal stakes) shall not be left behind in the garden area. Weed barrier MUST be removed before the end of the gardening season which is the second Sunday in October, and removed from the Silo Property grounds and disposed of elsewhere. This means it cannot be placed in the trash dumpster or compost bin.
12. Use of the water lines is limited to 20 minutes at a time per gardener. Gardeners must remain at the garden site when using the water lines. At no time will an individual gardener use more than one faucet. Hoses: Please do not bend or otherwise crimp hoses. Pull them by the rubber. Properly hang hoses back up on the hose rack. Due to tangling, crimping and poor coiling, the hoses do not last.
13. At the end of the garden season, the plot owner must clear plot(s) of all stakes, plants and any refuse including weed barriers. Failure to remove will result in loss of garden privilege. Gardens should look better than the day you moved in, including leveling of any trenches or hills that have been constructed.
14. Please harvest all crops as soon as they mature. If you have too much produce for your family to use, please consider giving or trading to other gardeners. Extra produce may be left in a designated area.
15. Anyone found stealing from another gardener will be banned from the gardens thereafter. Gardeners are not permitted in fellow gardener's plots for any reason without their permission. If you notice strangers in gardens, ask questions and/or report it to the garden supervisor.
16. Cultivating of Cannabis or invasive species is prohibited in a public space.
17. **ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING ON CHICKORY LANE FOR ANY REASON, AT ANY TIME.**

The Community Gardening concept entails all persons assisting and cooperating with each other in an effort to provide a bountiful and enjoyable program. Please make every

effort to help one another and respect everyone's rights. If you do not understand any of these Rules and Regulations of the Community Gardens, please bring them up to the garden supervisor.

_____ I have read and completely understand the Community Gardens Rules and Regulations.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Date)

(Address)

(Telephone Number)