

Dilworth Community Garden

2018 Garden Rules & Expectations

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| Access to the Garden | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Garden is open and available for members to plant year round.• Gardeners may be in the garden from dawn until dusk.• Gardeners are expected to close the gate when leaving. |
| Garden Plots | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each garden plot is assigned to only one member.• A member may invite other gardeners to plant with them in their plot.• Regardless of who uses the plot, it is the member who is held accountable for adhering to all garden rules.• A member may not transfer their plot to another person.• Members may not alter the dimensions of their plot or make any permanent changes to their plot or the garden. |
| Planting Season | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring/Summer: members should begin preparing their plot in early March. Initial plantings should be in the ground by the end of April. Plots should be actively planted throughout the summer. Plants may stay as long as they are producing and should be cleared off the plot as they are harvested and die off.• Fall/Winter: members who are interested may continue to plant their garden throughout the fall and winter months. Plots with winter gardens must be cleared in time for spring planting. |
| Plantings | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardeners may plant a variety of vegetables, fruits and flowers. Shrubs and trees are not permitted. Please email the DCG (dilworthcommunitygarden@dilworthonline.org) before planting.• Gardeners may not have plants or plant-supporting structures that go beyond the plot borders or block access to sunlight in adjacent plots.• Strawberries, mint and other plants whose root structures run must be planted in pots with saucers for containment within the plot borders.• Plants and flowers should be cleared before going to seed.• The DCG reserves the right to remove all plants that are not consistent with our approach to sustainable, cooperative community gardening. |
| Plot Maintenance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members are expected to visit the garden as often as needed to cultivate the soil, water and tend to their plots.• Members are expected to weed their plots regularly and to weed/maintain the path areas around their plot.• DCG does not have trash or recycle service. All waste (i.e., weeds, diseased plants, prunings, containers) must be taken OUT of the garden for proper disposal elsewhere.• Members are expected to volunteer for community work days to help maintain and enhance the Garden. |

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| Sustainable Gardening | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The DCG advocates sustainable gardening practices that are ecologically responsible and designed to work in harmony with nature.• Gardeners are expected to be mindful of this approach and not use unsustainable chemicals, pesticides, herbicides or rodenticides of any kind.• Questions regarding usable substances must be directed to the DCG email (dilworthcommunitygarden@dilworthonline.org) prior to their use. Gardeners using unsustainable substances will forfeit their right to use the garden. |
| Watering | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardeners are responsible for hand watering plants and for conserving water, being careful to turn off the spigot and report any leaks.• Gardeners using hoses must be mindful of neighboring plots (do not water or drag hoses through them) and return neatly to hose holders.• No overhead watering devices, sprinklers etc are permitted. |
| Supplies/Tools | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardeners are expected to bring and remove daily all tools and supplies needed to tend their garden. Members may leave one watering can at their plot.• Members are responsible for any damage caused by their tools.• Power tools, such as gas driven tillers or blowers, are not permitted. |
| Guests, Children & Pets | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children are welcome at the garden when accompanied and fully supervised by an adult. Children must adhere to all garden rules.• Members may bring guests into the garden but may not leave guests unattended and are responsible for ensuring that guests adhere to all garden rules.• Well behaved dogs may be tethered in the designated dog area for a limited time, provided they are supervised and under control at all times. Dogs should not be brought to any workdays or events. |
| General Conduct | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gardeners are expected to act at all times in the spirit of cooperation and shall treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbors and guests with respect and consideration.• Gardeners may not enter other plots or harvest another gardener's produce without the explicit permission of the other gardener.• Gardeners are expected to communicate with other gardeners to work out any issues that are in conflict (i.e., weeds, plant size, borders).• Promptly report safety concerns, theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders and police.• Gardeners who wish to listen to music should use headphones so that they do not disturb other gardeners or the garden's neighbors.• Smoking is not permitted in the garden.• Keep the garden attractive, safe and enjoyable for all. |