

COLUMBUS COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAM

2025 RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- ✓ City residents who were 2024 gardeners have first priority for former Garden plots through Friday, March 24, 2025.
- ✓ Remaining plots will be available to the public (**city residents only**) on Monday, March 27, 2024.
- ✓ The garden is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week.
- ✓ Plots will be clearly marked with stakes. Please do not move or remove these stakes.
- ✓ All gardeners should maintain the common areas.
- ✓ Keep insects and weeds under control.
- ✓ **Using herbicides and plastic mulch is strictly prohibited.**
- ✓ Please be considerate of others when parking your vehicle. Do not block paths.
- ✓ If theft or vandalism occurs, notify Community Development at (812) 376-2520 immediately. **Understand, however, that theft may occur since the gardens are not policed.** Help us discourage losses and vandalism by questioning unfamiliar faces.
- ✓ **Guests and visitors, including children, are allowed only if accompanied by a gardener.**
- ✓ Any/all pets must be on a leash **and must not be allowed to enter other gardener's plots. Additionally, please be a good neighbor and clean up any pet waste.**
- ✓ Individual fencing of plots is allowed but please keep structures under 4 feet and neat. **All structures need to be removed at the end of the 2025 growing season prior to tilling. Violating this policy will result in an additional \$50 charge per plot and possible forfeiture of your garden privileges and plot(s).**
- ✓ Do not leave your hose attached to the water vendor unless you want others to use it.
- ✓ No rubbish, trash or other non-biodegradable debris of any kind should be left at the site. Biodegradable plant material and mulch is permissible. Please keep our Community Garden site clean and tidy!
- ✓ If you can no longer tend to your plot, please notify Community Development immediately. Do not abandon your plot. **If you abandon your plot you will forfeit your right to rent a plot for the next garden season.**
- ✓ Each gardener must clean and clear his/her plot at the end of the gardening season. **The closing date is Monday, October 31, 2025.**
- ✓ Your compliance with the Columbus Community Garden Program Rules and Regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Please be a good neighbor!
- ✓ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPLIANCE AND CONSIDERATION!**