

## Garden Place Community Garden Rules:

- Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
- Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment.
- The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited.
- Visitors to the garden must sign in at the school office if they are going to be doing any work or harvesting in the garden during school hours.
- Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times. No **unsupervised** children in the garden area unless they are involved in community or school programs that have been approved by garden coordination staff.
- No pets in the garden area.
- After you water your plants please gather the hose so it is not laying in walkways and paths and put it near the sink area.
- The key to the hose goes back in the designated place after you are done watering.
- Gardeners will have access to any tools that are in the shed but are responsible for returning them cleaned and put away in the designated bins or shelves.
- Gardeners will be given the combination to the locks on the gate to the parking lot entrance and the tool container but are not to give out the combination to **ANYONE. If someone is involved in a community program, class or project they will either have a chaperone or member of the garden coordination staff who can give them access to what they may need.**
- When you open any of the locks immediately spin the combination dial so to not keep the combination on the open lock. Hang the lock right near the gate or container so you remember to put it back on.
- The gate and container are to be locked and secured when you are done in the garden.
- Notices will be posted when fruits or vegetables need to be harvested. If they are not harvested, after the 2nd notice, we will assign someone to harvest them for donation so we are not wasting food.
- Gardeners will meet once a month to coordinate times, updates, and projects that will involve community or school activities in the learning lab areas.
- Do not walk through, pick or pull vegetables or fruits from another person's plot unless given permission to do so.

**This is a Community Garden that is here to benefit and teach the community the relationship between growing our own food, nutrition, how to be responsible for the environment and its sustainability, taking ownership for our neighborhood, and rejuvenating our community through the participation of our friends and neighbors. It is ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY to make sure that the garden area is well maintained and that it is free of vandalism and trash. If you see anything that is questionable, please feel free to notify anyone at the school, garden coordination staff, or bring it up at the monthly meeting and we can find a way to address the problem. The gardeners who do not follow the rules first will be informed verbally. Then a written, emailed, and/or texted notification after the second incident. And finally, after the third violation the Gardeners as a whole will decide if that person will lose the community garden privileges until the next lottery for plots. And if you do lose your privileges for any reason, your plot will be forfeited to the next person in line for garden space.**