

Juab County Community Garden Guidelines & Policies

Definitions

- Gardener: A participant using a Juab County Community Garden plot.
- Plot: An individual plot is sized 4' x 10', located at the Juab County Community Garden, on the north side of the Juab County Fairgrounds, approx. 450 W 50 N in Nephi.
- Administrating Agency: Utah State University (USU) Extension in Juab County.

Garden Area

1. USU Extension Agent will oversee garden operation.
2. Garden plot areas are available to residents of Juab County, Utah.
3. Individual plots are for Gardeners to use as per the following guidelines.

Fees and Plots

Fees

1. Gardener can officially work the garden, approximately May 1 or the starting date, after agreeing to follow these guidelines, and after paying the deposit, which is \$25 per year.
2. The \$25 deposit must be paid by April 15. This deposit is refundable at the end of the season upon cleanup of individual plot satisfactory to the Extension Agent.
3. Gardeners will be responsible to replace any tool or equipment as a result of mis-use.
4. Water will be provided by Juab County via the irrigation system at each plot.

Plots

1. Plots are assigned on a first come/first served basis. Gardeners from the previous year will be offered the opportunity to participate in the current year before offering the plots to the general public. Gardeners may authorize others to garden at Gardener's assigned site, but the responsibility for the payment of fees, cleanup and fulfillment of all other obligations set forth herein and duties at the site will be the responsibility of the Gardener whose name is assigned to the plot.
2. Plot requests are filled according to the order in which the registration forms arrive, whether by mail or personal delivery to the USU Extension office, 160 N. Main, Nephi, UT 84648. Cash or check for deposit must be included with the application form. If requests cannot be filled, the fee and deposit will be refunded.
3. Gardener may not assign his or her designated plot to another person unless authorized by the Extension Agent.

Start of Season

"Plant by" Rules

1. Gardener will have something planted in the plot by June 1. Gardener will call 435-623-3450 and notify the Extension office immediately in the event Gardener elects to cease participation in the Community Garden. Failure to do so will disqualify the Gardener from future participation.

2. Plots that are unattended by the planting deadline are assumed abandoned and will be reassigned and the deposit forfeited.
3. If the kind of plants intended to be grown in the plot must be planted later in the year, the plot must be weeded to keep it weed-free until planting. Gardener is responsible to keep the plot free of weeds and harvested through end of season or November 1.

Irrigation System

1. The irrigation system is comprised of PVC pipe and manual ball valves.
2. Each gardener must receive instructions from the Extension Agent before using the system.
3. During the chance of freezing temperatures, the water tap hoses need to be disconnected after each person's watering. Instruction signs will be attached to each water tap.
4. All main line valves must remain open and individual plot valves must remain closed except when irrigating individual plots.
5. The water must be shut off when leaving the garden for any reason. Do not leave it on unattended.
6. Any breaks or problems with the irrigation system must be reported immediately to the Extension Agent.

Plot Maintenance Requirements

1. Gardener must maintain individual plot (including adjacent aisles) throughout the growing season. Plot must be maintained on a regular basis, keeping weeds down, and maintaining the areas immediately surrounding the plot.
2. Gardener is required to use pesticides/herbicides/fertilizers, etc. in a manner so as not to allow any cross contamination to other plots. Chemicals or fertilizers must be cleared by the Extension Agent prior to application. All such chemicals must be applied manually without the use of the irrigation system.
3. Gardener who does not maintain individual plot will not be eligible for a plot the following year and is subject to forfeiture of deposit.
4. If, for any reason (health, vacation, employment pressure), the Gardener is temporarily unable to maintain their individual plot, someone must be assigned to take care of the plot and Gardener must inform the Extension office.
5. Gardener must contact the Extension office if moving, taking an extended vacation, or otherwise unable to maintain the plot throughout the summer. Gardener understands that if plot is abandoned for more than 2 weeks, without having given prior notice, Gardener's plot will be considered abandoned and re-assigned and deposit will be forfeited.
6. Be respectful to neighbor plots. Tall crops (such as sunflowers and corn), should be planted to not shade another garden.
7. Plant growth and gardening activities must be contained in plot area. Any plant that protrudes into the next plot or walkway, must be trimmed back to plot area.
8. Plots are only for annual plants.
9. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
10. Pick up litter when you see it.
11. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs.

12. Any dead plants, diseased plants, or seedy or invasive weeds are to be hauled off and disposed of properly so as not to contaminate the garden. Do not leave them in garden area.
13. Do not apply anything to or **pick anything from another person's plot** without their expressed approval.
14. Please supervise children while in the garden area.
15. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes.
16. Pets, drugs (including alcohol), and fires are not allowed.
17. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the Extension office.
18. Lock the gate and shed before leaving the garden.
19. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY!
20. Violation of gardener guidelines: If any of the guidelines are violated, you will be contacted by phone or e-mail and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges, and lose your deposit.
21. Garden tools and other items are available for use in the storage shed. Please place all tools back where you found them. Always lock the shed after using.

Unclaimed or Neglected Plots

1. June 1 is the day new gardeners can be assigned unused plots.
2. Gardener understands if plot becomes unkempt, Gardener will be given two weeks' notice by phone and/or e-mail to clean up the plot. If Gardener takes no action, the plot will be tilled in and re-assigned. Any harvested produce will be donated to the local food bank. The deposit is forfeited to pay for cleanup.

End of Season

1. Garden cleanup must be accomplished by November 1, or the end of the garden season. Failure to do so by this date will result in forfeiture of deposit.
2. Clean up means plot is free of plant material, debris, and temporary supports, and is level and ready for tilling.

Make checks out to: USU Extension

USU Extension
160 N. Main
Nephi, UT 84648
435-623-3450
extension.usu.edu/juab
Agent: Ruger Carter



Utah State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution and is committed to a learning and working environment free from discrimination. For USU's non-discrimination notice, see equity.usu.edu/non-discrimination.