

# 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 manager 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 \$30 per year.
2. The \$30 fee must be paid by April 28th.
3. 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, Before gardening begins in the spring, if participants are not satisfied with a plot assignment, they will be reassigned if possible or the fee will be refunded.
3. Gardener may not assign his or her designated plot to another person unless authorized by the Extension Faculty.

## **Start of Season**

### "Plant by" Rules

1. Gardener will have something planted in the plot by June 1 or call the Extension Office if an exception is needed.
2. 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.
3. Unattended plots are assumed abandoned and will be reassigned and the deposit forfeited.
4. 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 October 31st.

## 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 Faculty.

## Plot Maintenance Requirements

1. Participants 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. Pesticides/herbicides is forbidden unless permission is obtained from the community garden managers. When permission is given, they must be used according to label and in a manner so there is no cross contamination to other plots. All such chemicals must be applied manually without the use of the irrigation system.
3. Fertilizers should only be applied in the participants plot(s).
4. Participants who does not maintain individual plot will not be eligible for a plot the following year.
5. If, for any reason (health, vacation, employment pressure), a participant is temporarily unable to maintain their individual plot, someone must be assigned to take care of the plot and the participant must inform the Extension office.
6. Participants must understand 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.
7. Be respectful to neighbor plots. If you are planning to plant tall crops (such as sunflowers and corn), you should request to be in plots 9,10,19, or 20 due to location so that those plants do not shade another garden.
8. Plant growth and gardening activities must be contained. Any plant that protrudes into the next plot or walkway, must be trimmed back to plot area.
9. Plots are only for annual plants.
10. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
11. Pick up litter when you see it.
12. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs.
13. 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.
14. Do not apply anything to or **pick anything from another person's plot** without their expressed approval.
15. Supervise children while in the garden area.
16. Tobacco use of any kind is not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes.
17. Pets, drugs (including alcohol), and fires are not allowed.
18. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the Extension office.
19. Lock the gate and shed before leaving the garden.
20. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY!

21. If any of the guidelines are violated, you will be contacted by phone or e-mail depending on the situation, you may have one week to address the violation. After this period of time, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges.
22. 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.
23. If there is an emergency after hours or on weekends please contact Judy Jensen, 623-1599

### **Unclaimed or Neglected Plots**

1. June 1 is the day gardeners can be assigned unused plots.
2. Gardener understands if plot becomes unkept, 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 October 31st, or the end of the garden season.
2. Clean up means plot is free of plant material, debris, and temporary supports, and is level and ready for tilling with all waste being hauled off.

Make checks out to: USU Extension

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