



Green House Community Garden Rules

These rules are designed to help the Burien Community Garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that makes this a successful program. Any gardener who does not comply with these rules, after a warning, will lose their plot which will be re-assigned without a refund.

- Garden applicants must be 18 years or older and a Burien resident.
- All gardeners must provide eight hours of service annually to the community garden common areas.
- Gardeners are allowed one garden plot per resident household each year (April 1 – March 31). Applications can receive an additional plot the first Wednesday of April if open plots are available.
- Returning gardeners have first priority to renew a garden plot.
- Garden plots for new gardeners will be open to the Burien community starting on March 18, when spring program registration opens.
- Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, end of season clean up, and all other care of their plots. Plants on the State's Noxious Weed List are not allowed.
- Gardeners must begin working in their assigned plots by the second Sunday in May. To maximize use of limited space, plots not worked by the last Sunday in May will be reassigned and no refund given.
- All plots are rented for one year, beginning in April. Gardeners who are not winter gardening, however, are required to remove all materials from their plots and put their plot to bed by October 31. If gardeners fail to adequately clean out their plots, they may lose their plot space.
- The Burien Community Gardening Program is an organic gardening program. Use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides made from synthetic materials as well as use of chemical fertilizers is strictly forbidden. Fully composted chicken or steer manures are allowed.
- Motorized vehicles and equipment, with the exception of small tillers, are not allowed in the gardens.
- Community Garden plots are to be used for recreational gardening of vegetables and flowers for family use only. Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial purposes is prohibited.
- Place community garden plant materials in the designated compost areas. Use Recology yard waste bins for weeds.
- There will be no on-site garbage collection. All garbage, unused plant containers, and debris must be removed from the Community Garden.
- Gardeners will have access to the water spigot key, hoses, and restroom as well as the green house garage for storage and temporary shelter from weather.
- Water at the Community Garden will be turned off during winter months.
- Gardeners must be present at their plots while watering them. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses, and other irrigation may not be left on unattended. Please conserve water as much as possible, and minimize use of sprinklers, especially between 10am – 6pm.
- Gardeners must keep plots relatively free of weeds, especially when weeds are seeding, to avoid spreading them to other plots. No wildflowers, trees, or shrubs.