

MULVANE COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

General

- Membership is available only to citizens within the Mulvane Kansas school district who are 18 or older. However, children are encouraged to participate in the gardening activities when accompanied by their parents.
- The plot fees are as follows:
 - Plots sized 12' x 20' are \$25.00 + \$10 deposit.
 - Plots sized 12' x 18' are \$22.50 + \$10 deposit.
 - Elevated raised beds are \$20.00 and no deposit.
- Plots are not transferable.
- Experienced gardeners may rent up to two plots per year after demonstrating capability.
- Sign-up for garden plots begins October 1st for the upcoming year. Fees are due by February 1st. If fees are not received by February 1st, plots may be assigned to other interested members. Fees will be returned up until March 1st in case a member should move out of the city, or if emergencies such as serious illness should arise.
- Returning members in good standing and meeting the deadlines may retain the same plot from year to year.
- Members are required to provide their own tools and amend the soil as needed.
- If you must abandon your plot for any reason, you must notify one of the garden board members.
- Gardens officially open on March 15th. All vegetation, trellises, cages and other material must be removed from your plot by November 15th.
- Members must have something planted in their plot by April 15th.
- Low-income gardeners can qualify for one rent-free plot per year. Guidelines are in accordance with current HHS poverty guidelines. An additional plot may be obtained for \$10.00, after demonstrating capability. A \$10.00 clean-up fee is required for the additional plot.
- No alcoholic beverages or drugs are permitted in the garden.
- No pets are permitted in the garden.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Keeping Your Garden Tidy

- Keep weeds in your garden (as well as the walkways surrounding your plot) to a minimum.
- If your plot becomes unkempt, you will be given two week's notice to clean it up. Failure to clean it will result in your plot being re-assigned or tilled up.
- Plots and adjacent pathways must be kept free of trash and litter.
- There are designated areas for trash, garden waste and compost. Board members will help educate you about where things go.
- Members must participate in two of the four yearly work days. The work days will be scheduled on Saturday mornings. Those with schedule conflicts may request to have work assigned on their own time.

Crops

- Vegetables, fruit, herbs or flowers may be planted in your plot. Illegal plants are prohibited.
- Do not plant crops that will shade, invade or harm the growth of your neighbor's plot. Members wishing to plant corn should request a plot on the north and east side to prevent shading other plots.
- Members may ONLY harvest items from their own plot. Do not harvest other plots unless given permission by the plot owner.
- If you choose to plant vining crops, such as cucumbers, squash or melons, make sure they stay inside your own plot. A trellis is recommended for these types of crops.

Preventing Damage

- Do not use any illegal chemicals. When using legal chemicals, make sure they do not affect your neighbors' plot.