

Pottsville Community Garden Guidelines

Gardeners agree to maintain their plots under the following guidelines.

General Information

- 5 x 3 garden plots are available for adoption. 5 are raised and 5 are not.
- The fee is \$25.00
- Several accessible table beds are available for gardeners with disabilities.
- Garden plots are rented to a specific person/household and are not transferable.
- Each gardener will be allowed one plot. If an excess of plots are available, additional plots may be adopted
- Gardeners agree to plant by June 1 and to maintain the garden for the entire season. Plots not used by June 1 may be canceled and rented to the next person on the waiting list. No refunds are issued for unused gardens.
- Gardeners will supply their own seeds, plants, organic fertilizer, and equipment for proper growing, cultivating, and harvesting of their crops.
- Gardeners agree to only plant annual crops of vegetable, fruit, herbs, or flowers (to attract pollinators). Plots are not allowed to have perennial flowers, perennial fruits (i.e., raspberries), woody vegetation, shrubs, or trees.
- Recycling carts are for plant material (including weeds and inedible produce) only. Please put any garbage in the trash carts located elsewhere in the garden area.
- Absolutely no dumping of any materials onto adjacent park property.

Be a Good Neighbor

- Please get to know your neighboring gardeners. Let them know if you are temporarily unable to water, weed, or harvest your garden. If you can't harvest when things are ripe, let a neighboring gardener, friend, or family member know and they may be able to help you by picking your produce and finding a home for it. There is no point in letting good produce go to waste.
- Please be respectful of your neighboring gardeners and their crops. Never place weeds, rocks, or debris in someone else's plot.
- All vegetation must remain inside your plot.
- Gardeners who erect trellises or plant supports must ensure they are safe and secure. Planters must consider their neighbors and place those structures so as not to shade adjacent plots.

Weeds

- Gardens should be kept clean and free of weeds.
- Use of pesticides or herbicides is not allowed. Use only certified organic fertilizers in a way that doesn't affect other plots. Gardeners who violate this policy will forfeit their plot.
- Gardeners may use landscaping fabric but must remove it at the end of the season.
- If a plot has excessive weeds, gardeners will be given a two-week notice to clean the plot up. If not cleaned up after that time, the plot will be re-assigned and cleared. Gardeners who neglect or do not keep their plot free of weeds will not be allowed to get a plot in the future.

End of the Season

- All produce should be harvested and all non-plant supplies (such as stakes, fencing, supports, string, row markers, landscaping fabric, etc.) should be removed by October 23 or first frost, whichever is later. At the end of each gardening season, the grounds will be tilled by the city.
- Gardeners will be responsible for pulling or unearthing all plants, stems, stalks, and roots at the end of the season.