



### *Garden Guidelines*

*2018 Season*

## **Things I will do for my garden plot as well as the overall success of the RCG**

- All gardeners are required to complete an application form. A plot rental fee of \$30.00 per plot for City of Rochester residents, \$35 per plot for non-residents is due when you submit your application. Exceptions may be made for deadline and payment plans will be available for those who cannot afford to pay, in full, by the deadline.
- I will make an effort to check my e-mail frequently for updates, changes and announcements from the Community Garden as this will be the main means the Garden Advisory Board will use to communicate with fellow gardeners.
- I will cultivate and plant my plot by June 5th. If I have not begun work on my plot by that date the garden oversight committee retains the right to assign my plot to someone else and I will not receive a refund.
- I will visit my plot regularly. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer during the growing season. The growing season that applies to this guideline is June through October. I understand that I may use my plot before that if I want to grow early season produce.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason I will notify the garden oversight committee and forfeit my claim to the plot. I will not receive a refund.
- I will be a good neighbor to adjoining gardeners and I will not expand my plot beyond the boundaries of the raised bed into pathways or other gardener's plots. My plot size is 4ft by 8ft.
- I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. If my garden area becomes unsightly, including weeds that become three inches or taller, the garden oversight committee retains the right to terminate my plot rental with no refund.
- Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
- I will report theft, vandalism or suspicious behavior to the police immediately. I will notify the garden oversight committee of the report. I am responsible for checking my e-mail and/or garden notice board for any information, meetings, or changes to guidelines throughout the garden season.
- I agree to participate in the maintenance and upkeep of the general garden area and will participate in any workdays/meetings as possible.
- Watering is my responsibility. I will water only as much as is needed to keep my plot healthy. I will stay on site at all times during watering.
- Gardeners are encouraged to participate in the Plant a Row for the Hungry campaign or assist in maintaining the community food bank portion of the garden. If you have left over produce in good condition please notify the garden oversight committee and they will assist you in getting your produce to the food bank.
- I understand that I am able to use natural fertilizers.

- Plots must be cleaned of debris and prepared for winter by November 5th. Gardeners leaving their plots in poor condition may forfeit gardening privileges for the following year.

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### Things that I will NOT do that may hinder the success of the RCG

- I will use common sense by not planting any illegal plants... Medical marijuana plants are no exception. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden.
- I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons to the garden.
- I will not take food or plants or otherwise disturb the plots of other gardeners. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine, unless permitted by garden officials.
- No on-site composting is allowed. The City of Rochester will provide compost during the growing season.
- No pets are allowed within the fenced perimeter of the garden.
- The planting of invasive species is strictly prohibited.
- No radios or boom boxes or fires are allowed on the site.
- The RCG is cultivated organically and as such the use of herbicides, insecticides and commercial inorganic fertilizers is prohibited.

### Other Provisions

- The garden is open from dawn until dusk.
- **Garden Plots will be assigned on a priority scale. Returning gardeners in good standing will have first priority and every effort will be made to assign them their same plot as last year unless otherwise requested. City of Rochester residents will have priority to the remaining plots. Gardeners requesting multiple plots: we will assign as many as we can accommodate after all City of Rochester residents requesting a plot have received one. We will make every possible effort to ensure your plots are adjoining unless requested otherwise. Lastly, any remaining plots will be assigned to non-Rochester residents.**
- Parking is only allowed in the designated lot for the garden location.
- A violation of any of these guidelines may result in plot reassignment and forfeiture of plot rental fee.
- Violation of gardener guidelines: if any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, this may result in plot reassignment and forfeiture of plot rental fee.
- All guidelines are subject to change at any time. I will respect and obey the wishes of the garden officials that may or may not be in the above guidelines. I know that failure to do so will be considered a violation of the gardener guidelines and will be dealt with as such.