



# CCC Community Garden Guidelines

*Add water, sunshine, and these friendly guidelines*

## Garden Mission Statement

CCC Gardens strive to create a welcoming space for community members to grow and harvest food year-round, connect with fellow gardeners and continue learning.

## Garden Etiquette

Community Gardens provide a place for gardeners to grow food and flowers while meeting their neighbor gardeners. One of the main goals in community gardening is to work together and next to each other in relative harmony. We're counting on you to use your good judgement. Please respect other gardeners' spaces. Please be courteous in all interactions, and work together with other gardeners to resolve misunderstandings.

## Communication

Community guidelines, resources and announcements are posted at the Kiosk near the entrance of the garden.

It is up to the gardener to maintain updated contact information (email, phone number, address) with the Garden Coordinator.

Contact the Garden Coordinator by e-mail (preferred) or phone listed below.

Email: [CCCgardens@clackamas.edu](mailto:CCCgardens@clackamas.edu) Telephone: 503-594-3016

## Garden Rules

- Plots must be actively planted or cover-cropped and maintained throughout the season and plants must stay within the plot boundaries.
- Gardeners provides their own equipment (hoses, sprinklers, tools, etc.).
- Anything left in your plot is your responsibility; CCC is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items.
- Garden plots are intended for growing plants and may not be filled with trash, debris or large collections of non-plant items.
- We expect that every gardener keeps weeds under control, because weed seeds spread and impact other gardeners.
- Maintain a clear path between you and your neighbor's plot wide enough for a wheel barrow to pass through. The intention of the layout of the garden plots is that there's a 3-foot strip between plots.
- Wood chips are provided for gardeners to use in their plots to maintain pathways and reduce weeds.
- Tires are not allowed on the plot as they can hold water, which is an issue for mosquito control.
- Rock mulches are not allowed, because of the possibility of their mixing with the soil and impacting the ability to garden in that area.

- Plastic sheeting may be used as a temporary weed control method as long as it is managed well and removed before the growing season. Puddling of water on plastic during the warmer months can contribute to mosquito reproduction. Also, plastic that is left out for long periods of time will break down into small pieces in the soil, which is nearly impossible to remove.
- Limited and carefully applied pesticides (herbicides, insecticides and fungicides) may be used if applied using best practices and in consideration of the following factors. Please contact OSU extension for appropriate pesticide application procedures 503-655-8631.
  - Pesticides labeled *Caution* may be used; Anything labeled *Danger* or *Warning* are forbidden.
  - Pesticides can easily spread beyond the intended garden plot especially when sprayed, because of the potential for drift.
  - Pesticides can negatively impact people's health, pollinator species, water quality and wildlife populations. Please avoid use whenever possible, and be sure to follow instructions on the label.
  - Be especially careful with insecticides when pollinator species (ex. bees & butterflies) are active.
- No large structures that might shade a neighbor's plot are allowed.
- No permanent structures are allowed.
- Wooden raised beds or other structures are allowed within plots; raised beds that you installed must be in good condition or removed at the end of your rental.
- Temporary fences are allowed as long as they are no taller than 5 feet, stay within your plot boundaries and are safely installed.
- Trellises should be no taller than 6 feet, and must not shade a neighbor's plot.
- All fencing & trellises must be removed at the end of the rental.
- What to grow:
  - Vegetables, herbs and flowers.
  - There is a current moratorium on small fruit plants & vines (blueberry bushes, grapes, etc.) to allow for more garden space for annual crops.
  - Plants must stay within the plot boundaries and on trellises no taller than 6 feet.
  - No trees, invasive plants or federally controlled plants are permitted.
  - Plants for personal consumption or donation, not for commercial purposes.
- Seasonal Expectations
  - By **May 1<sup>st</sup>** a minimum requirement of "getting started", which includes:
    - Signs of weeding & planting
    - Preparation of soil for planting
    - Harvesting of crops, if appropriate
    - Cleaning up of pathway
  - By **June 1<sup>st</sup>** there should be obvious progress towards a productive garden, which includes:
    - Removal of remaining weeds
    - Establishment of plants in at least ½ the plot(s)
    - Maintenance of pathways
  - By **July 1<sup>st</sup>** there should be active gardening of the whole plot:
    - Weeding of the whole plot
    - Planting of whole plot
  - By **October 31<sup>st</sup>**:
    - Harvesting of annual crops should be completed
    - Cleaning up of plant material
    - Preparation of perennial plants, cover-crops, mulch, etc.
    - Planting of early winter vegetables

## Notification of abandoned/under-worked garden

- Weedy and unused garden plots are subject to warnings and cancellation.
- Seasonal Deadlines:
  - By May 1<sup>st</sup> the plot must show signs of weeding and planting.
  - By June 1<sup>st</sup> at least half of the plot should be planted and weeds kept under control.
  - By July 1<sup>st</sup> the whole plot should be actively gardened and weeded.
- If a garden plot is neglected at any point in the season or the plot does not meet one of the seasonal deadlines, the gardener will receive an email and mailed letter, asking them to clean up their plot within 14 days.
- If no action has been taken after the 14 days, a final email and mailed letter will be sent notifying the gardener that their plot has been cancelled and reassigned to someone else. No refunds will be given for abandoned plots.
- Please contact the garden coordinator if at any time you no longer want to keep your plot.
- It is the responsibility of the gardener to maintain updated contact information (email, phone number, address) with the Garden Coordinator.

## Water availability

Water in the gardens is turned on in the spring usually in mid-April (sooner if needed) and shut off by October 31. During the growing season, water will be shut off between 10 pm and 4 am. Please help us to conserve water, by only using what is needed.

## Compost & Waste

We provide a compost pile for unwanted plant material from your garden plot.

- Please help keep this compost area as tidy as possible and within the designated boundaries.
- Please do not bring compostable materials from home.

We do not provide garbage or other debris removal.

## Application & Renewal Process

- CCC Garden Plots are rented from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Plot renewal begins November 1<sup>st</sup> for the following season. You will be contacted by the Garden Coordinator via email to see if you would like to renew your plot.
- Returning gardeners must complete their renewal by January 31<sup>st</sup>. To renew your registration contact [CCCgardens@clackamas.edu](mailto:CCCgardens@clackamas.edu).
- Starting February 1<sup>st</sup>, registration opens for new gardeners. If you have not renewed your plot, your plot will no longer be reserved for you and will be offered to those on the waitlist. You will receive confirmation of this in the mail, and may then elect to get on the waitlist for any available plot, if desired.
- Completed applications/forms and payment should be mailed to:  
Environmental Learning Center, Attn: Community Gardens, Clackamas Community College, 19600 Molalla Avenue Oregon City, Oregon 97045  
Please make checks payable to: Clackamas Community College



## Refund Policy:

- We can refund your payment up to 30 days from date of payment.
- No refunds after 30 days from the date of your payment
- No refunds will be given for abandoned plots.

## Plot Fees

Plot Sizes	2023 Price	2024 Price Base price \$35 then \$9/100sq ft
raised beds	\$ 20	\$ 20
100 – 199 square feet	\$ 35	\$ 35
200 – 399 square feet	\$ 40	\$ 44
400 – 599 square feet	\$ 50	\$ 62
600 – 799 square feet	\$ 60	\$ 80
800 – 999 square feet	\$ 70	\$ 98

## Dogs in gardens

Dogs are to be kept on a leash in accordance with CCC Campus Policy, out of others' gardens, and feces must be removed by the dog owner.

## Gardening Resources

- Clackamas County Master Gardeners <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/>
- Metro: [www.oregonmetro.gov/garden](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/garden)
- OSU extension: 503-655-8631or [www.metromastergardeners.org](http://www.metromastergardeners.org)
- Organic Materials Review Institute: [www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org)