



2018 Grassroots Guidelines

1. All gardeners are required to complete and submit an application along with the fee of \$20.00 prior to any planting. Submit to the Warren County Health Department.
2. Gardening classes are scheduled throughout spring. Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and learn of any special projects planned.
3. Tend your plot. If your plot appears untended for a period of time and you have not contacted the WCHD office, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. Please let us know if you need help or will be out of town for an extended period of time.
4. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot. Planting of illegal plants is prohibited.
5. Please do not leave the water unattended. When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area and lock the spigot.
6. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost bin provided. Do not leave them in the pathway.
7. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens.
8. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their express approval.
9. Pick up litter when you see it and place in proper receptacle.
10. Return tools, cleaned, to their proper place.
11. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs and keep a cell phone handy for safety and emergencies.
12. Please do not block the roadway during business hours.
13. Please supervise children in the garden. Do not let children play near roadways.
14. No pets allowed. Some folks are not "animal people".
15. Fires are not allowed.
16. Use of alcohol is not allowed. Smoking and chewing tobacco are not allowed, nor any type of drugs. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.

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17. Report theft, vandalism, and unusual activities to the WCHD office and the Sheriff's office.
18. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY!
19. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned up, you will lose your gardening privileges for the next season.
20. Violation of gardener guidelines: If any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone and/or e-mail and will have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you will lose your gardening privileges.

Adopted from Community Garden Toolkit by the University of Missouri Extension.

Safety Recommendations

- Dress appropriately: Protect yourself from the weather and sun. Use sunscreen, wear a hat, even long sleeves if necessary.
- Wear proper shoes.
- Wear gloves.
- Take breaks.
- Stay hydrated.
- Treat any cuts or injuries immediately to minimize infection and further complications.

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