**Coverdale Community: Garden Rules of the Row**

**Registration, Plots and Planting Dates**

* Returning members shall be given preference each growing season. Returning

members must register and pay for their garden plot between the first and last business day of March.

* Any new gardeners wishing to secure a plot for the upcoming growing season may register for an unclaimed plot between the first and last business days of April Annually.
* One plot will be issued per household, organization, or school. If any plots remain unclaimed by the first business day of May, a second plot may be reserved on a first come, first served basis.
* Payment of annual Garden fee of $25 (tax extra) is required to secure your garden plot. Payment shall be submitted

with your Registration Form at the Parks & Recreation office at 55 Biggs Drive. Payment options are cash, debit, visa

or Mastercard.

* At the beginning of the garden season, gardeners will be given the combination to the garden gate lock. Gardeners

must lock the gate upon their departure.

* Gardeners are responsible for the behavior of any guests that they bring to the garden, and all guests must follow

the Rules of the Row.

* Garden plots shall be planted by the end of June, or the plot will be considered forfeit.
* Plots shall be harvested and cleared of debris no later than October 31st of each season.

**Tending Your Plot**

* Only insecticides and herbicides made with natural ingredients may be used, such as diatomaceous earth, carbolic soap, insecticidal soaps may be used within the garden.
* Dispose of weeds and plant materials in the green garbage bags provided.
* Species of plants that spread aggressively are not allowed within the garden beds. These include plants such as: All types

of Mints, horseradish, fennel, etc. These plants are permitted within containers only.

* Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not cultivate plants that might interfere with other gardeners. Harvest only

from your assigned plot and harvest ripened produce quickly. Plant tall crops where they shall not shade

neighboring plots and plants.

* Members with garden beds who will be keeping them for future years shall be responsible for turnovers of

their assigned garden beds.

* Plots that are weedy or do not meet the rules shall be notified. They must be weeded within 7 days of being

contacted. Failure to respond within 14 days shall result in forfeiture of their plots.

* Gardeners are limited to the space within the boundary of their garden plot. Gardens may not exceed the space of the plot (in-ground 10 x 14 feed, raised bed 4 x 12 feet) any containers, plants, trellises, borders etc. must be contained within this space.
* Please notify Alicia Clarkson if you are no longer able to tend to your plot, will be absent for a long period of time, or

have asked a friend to tend to your plot.

* Please refrain from watering your plots during the midday, especially on hot or windy days, as much of the water

will be lost to evaporation.

**Community Respect and Communal Areas:**

* All pets in the garden must be leashed, and cleaned up after at all times.
* Smoking/vaping in and around the Garden is prohibited.
* No debris of any kind shall be left on site. Take your personal garbage with you.
* The dumpsters at the Coverdale Centre are not to be used by gardeners at any time for any reason. All garden waste must be appropriately sorted and disposed of in the bins within the garden fence.
* Each member is responsible for weeding their own plot/bed as well as the pathway beside their plot, and the

communal beds.

* Each gardener must volunteer a minimum of 1 hour per month, which includes volunteering in the garden and/or

attending garden meetings.

* Watering cans and a hose are provided. Only handheld nozzles are permitted. All other types of sprinklers and

soakers shall not be used.

* Check with the Community Garden summer student staff and/or our Facebook page for news, upcoming events

and tasks needing completion at the Garden.

* Clean and sanitize all tools used with the sanitizer provided.

Your compliance with the above Rules will help our community to have an enjoyable and prosperous Garden. Failure to

comply with the Rules may result in a loss of future gardening privileges.

For more information or to share any ideas, questions and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact

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