

# Aspen Community Garden Rules and Regulations

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- I. You are required to plant your garden by the “Plant by” date (June 15th) specified in the annual contract. If you are unable to comply with that date, you must notify the Garden leadership as to when you might be able to plant. Failure to plant or to make notification will result in forfeiture of your garden.
  
- II. **WEEDS:** You are responsible to maintain your weeds in and around your plot. You are responsible as a garden plot owner to make sure your plot is free of noxious weeds as defined by Pitkin County and The City of Aspen. The Community Garden will post information at the garden to help you identify these specific weeds, including, but not limited to thistles, bindweed, scentless chamomile and mullein. Please make efforts to keep any weeds (e.g. dandelions, grass, purslane, mustard) from spreading to your neighbors’ plots or going to seed. If you are not sure whether something is a weed, please ask another gardener. Gardens will be inspected and you will receive weedy warnings if your weeds are getting out of control. Gardeners will be given one weed warning with 10 days to comply or risk losing your garden. If you are unable to care for your garden for any reason, please notify the Garden leadership and make arrangements for someone else to work it in your absence.
  
- III. **INVASIVE PLANTS:** In addition to controlling weeds, please make efforts to contain invasive herbs and plants, such as mint, chives, strawberries, oriental poppies and others, so that they do not encroach to your neighbors’ plots.
  
- IV. **DOGS:** Due to problems and the fact that all internal fences are now gone, **DOGS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE GARDEN AT ALL TIMES!** You may tie your dog up outside the
  
- V. **CARS:** Please park away from the garden unless you have bulky things to unload. You may park across the field (where the paragliders land) or on the back road by the pump house. Best is
  
- VI. **TRASH:** Take yours with you. If you bring in materials for building or enhancing your plot please remember that you are responsible for removing it if you stop gardening. Each time you leave please take more trash than you generate.
  
- VII. **NO STRUCTURES OR INTERNAL FENCES:** If you want to do a cold frame, please keep them low to the ground (3 ft. max). Shade structures should be at the back of your garden and should not affect to the garden from the highway. The city has asked us to take down all internal
  
- VIII. **SHED:** Keep the lock on the shed doors even when it’s unlocked. The wind will often gust and could blow the doors off. Please keep the shed tidy.
  
- IX. **PROHIBITED MATERIALS:** We are an organic growing community; non-organic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers such as, but not limited to, Roundup and Miracle Grow are prohibited. Other prohibited materials include:), treated wood materials, carpet, trees, cinder

X. **TOOLS:** Take care of the tools. We have purchased several new tools in the last few years. If you bend one—fix it, get it repaired or replace it. If you take it out, put it back. Clean dirt off the tools before replacing in the shed. There are a few mechanized tools such as weed whackers; learn how to use them before you put them to work. If you find they are not in working order, please notify the Garden leadership so that the tools may be repaired.

XI. **WATER:** The irrigation system is fragile and temperamental. The procedure for hand watering is explained in the pump house. Open a hose bib before you turn on the pump; turn off the pump before you close the hose bib. Once the pump is on, it's best to let it run, rather than turning it off and on. Please do not leave water running in your plot when you are not there. This

XII. **FOOD AND FLOWERS:** Please do not harvest from another's plot without permission.

XIII. **CAMPING:** The community garden is for gardening. It is also a lovely place to watch the sunset. However, it is not a place to camp even for one night. Please choose another place to spend the night under the stars.

XIV. **SOLITUDE:** Some folks choose the community garden because of the social aspect and others love the solitude. Please be sensitive to others needs.  
There are many opportunities to contribute. We are The Community Garden and as such are all expected to help in whatever way we can for the good of the whole.

At the end of your day: **TURN OFF YOUR WATER**, coil up the hose, lock the shed and close.

**HAPPY SUMMER AND BUON APPETITO!!**