



CITY OF KIRKLAND

Department of Parks & Community Services

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Community Gardening Guidelines

Kirkland Parks & Community Services Department offers the citizens of Kirkland the use of three locations for community gardening. They are:

Tot Lot Pea Patch – 111 9th Ave.
Ohde Avenue Pea Patch – 11425 Ohde Ave.
McAuliffe Park Pea Patch – 10824 Ne 116th St

1. The registration deadline for returning resident gardeners is approximately February 15th of each year. After this date, plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. All participants for a plot must be registered.
2. The annual fee is \$60 per plot. Scholarships are available for qualified low-income individuals.
3. Priority for allocation of plots will be given to the previous year's resident users, with any remaining plots distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Priority is given to Kirkland residents. If plots are available, non-residents may be assigned a plot for one year.
4. Kirkland Parks and Community Services is committed to accommodating people with disabilities and will make every reasonable effort to ensure programs and services are accessible. To request an accommodation, please call us at 425-587-3300.
5. Opening day for plot use is tentatively set for **March 1st**. Plot leases run for one season. Clean up must be complete by **November 1st**. See Guideline #15 for definition of clean-up. An annual work party will be scheduled around November 1st each year to ensure clean-up.
6. Gardeners will have seven (7) weeks from the opening date (until April 22 – Earth Day) to begin work on their gardens. After that date, **plots that are neglected will be reassigned**. During the program's duration, any plot that becomes untended (overgrown weeds, unwatered, unharvested) for more than four (4) weeks will be reassigned. Gardeners wishing to cancel in mid-season should notify the Parks & Community Service Department office at 425-587-3330 or eParks@kirklandwa.gov.
7. All plot preparation is the responsibility of its designated user. You are encouraged to enrich your plot's soil.
8. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, watering, and general care of the plots. Please respect adjacent plots by eliminating all weeds in the seedling stage. Gardeners are also responsible for weeding any pathway bordering the gardeners' leased plot. Walkways and paths are to be clear of all debris at all times.
9. A gardener must be on site when watering. Hoses for watering may be used but be aware of sharing water faucets with others (especially when two or more gardeners are on the site at the same time). Also be conscious of using water wisely.
10. The use of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, etc.) is **not** allowed in or around the pea patch sites. Organic gardening techniques should be used. The City cannot guarantee that

pea patches are strictly organic. No tobacco products are allowed in the gardening area. Tobacco products often contain a mosaic virus, which is dangerous to tomatoes and beans.

11. Gardeners are solely responsible for their plants, materials, equipment, and soil amendments, and for any expenses incurred for such items.
12. Noise deterrents for rodents, including ultrasonic devices are not allowed.
13. No terraces or permanent structures are to be built. Framed or raised beds are allowed, provided they do not impact neighboring plots and do not encroach on pathways. Painted materials are strictly prohibited.
14. Plots must be fully utilized. If your plot is too large, please request a smaller one, share with a friend, contact the City for plot-sharing partner, or plant a cover crop in the open area. All participants involved in the use of a plot must be registered. This includes the completion of a hold harmless agreement.
15. Upon completion of harvest, all dead vegetable matter debris must be incorporated back into the soil or completely removed. Gardeners are responsible for cleanup and clearing plots. Gardeners must remove all **unused** wire, plastic stakes, strings, etc., from the plot by **November 1st**. Perennial plantings must be attended to during the winter months and the plot neatly maintained.
16. Produce and flowers from the garden are not to be used for sale or commercial purposes.
17. Pets are not allowed in the pea patch area.

18. HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

The undersigned hereby apply through the registration process to the City of Kirkland (City) for use of a Community Garden Plot and certifies the information given in the registration is correct. The undersigned further states that he/she has the authority to register and agrees to observe all ordinances and regulations of the City of Kirkland. The applicant agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the City or its officers, agents, employees, alleging damage or injury arising out of the subject matter of the registration provided, however, that such provision shall not apply to the extent that damage or injury results from the sole fault of the City or its officers, agents, or employees. "Fault" as herein used shall have the same meaning as set forth in RCW 4.22.015. The applicant further agrees to reimburse the City of Kirkland Parks and Community Services Department for any damage arising from the applicant's use of said community garden and equipment. The applicant or their agent has examined and inspected the park facilities, premises, equipment, and furnishings for defects and finds them fit and safe for the purpose stated above.

19. The City of Kirkland will not guarantee against vandalism or theft. Notify the Kirkland Police at 425-587-3400 if you witness damage or theft.
20. Gardening resources:
 - a. King County/WSU Master Gardeners 206-296-3440
 - b. Center for Urban Horticulture, UW 206-543-8616

PLEASE RETAIN THESE GUIDELINES FOR YOU REFERENCE.
For questions or comments, please contact Lourdes Mansanarez
at 425-587-3330 or at eparks@kirklandwa.gov.