

# **PARK TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## WHO WE ARE

The Park Township Community Garden (PTCG) is part of the Park Township Recreation program and is dedicated to promoting healthy living in our community. Plots will be for rent during the growing season, available to residents of Park Township for a small fee.

## BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY GARDENS

Community gardens benefit the entire community by promoting intergenerational learning and community building opportunities. They beautify neighborhoods. They provide opportunities for healthy living through good food and exercise. Our garden in Park Township hopes to promote the historical aspects of our township as well. Finally, community gardens provide service opportunities.

## HOW TO APPLY AND REGISTER

Please note Gardeners must reside in Park Township in order to be a part of the PTCG.

Registration is available online at our website: [www.parktownship.org](http://www.parktownship.org). Click on parks and recreation and then programs or come into Park Township between 8 am – 5 pm.

Plot registration begins December 1, 2010 – first-come, first served. Assignments will be made so planting can begin May 1. If you want

more than one plot there will be a wait list until June 1.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are welcome. If you would like to help in any way – education, garden leadership, classes, work days, maintenance of the garden and more – please contact us!

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Gardeners are responsible for cultivating and maintaining their own garden plots. Harvest only your assigned plot and do not plant plot beyond the measurement given.

Please keep your space clean. No debris of any kind should be left at the site. Take your trash with you and use the compost bin to dispose of weeds and plant materials. Keep pathways clear.

Crops must be harvested once they are mature-please donate extras. Keep your plot free of weeds. Make sure you plant your garden by June 15, or your plot may be forfeited.

All plots are inspected 3 times a season – those that do not meet guidelines will be notified. Failure to respond within 14 days will result in forfeiture of the plot. Individual fencing of plots is allowed- please keep structures under 2 feet tall and neat. Fencing must be removed

at the end of the season along with dead plants, stakes, weeds and any other materials.

Gardeners must agree they will not plant any illegal plant materials. Gardeners may not smoke, or use (or be under the influence of) alcohol or illegal drugs. The garden is open during park hours which is from 7am to 10pm.

## MORE ORGANIC GARDEN REQUIREMENTS

Please conserve the use of water, mulch with leaves, grass clippings, hay or mulch to reduce water evaporation.

PTCG does not allow the use of fertilizers, weed killers, pesticides, herbicides or black plastic mulch. Only compost manure is allowed.

Pets are not allowed in the garden.

Family members are welcome – please supervise young children.

Harvest only your own plot.

The compost pile should be used for compost and wood chips. No trash please.

Members must agree to the policies and practices of the garden, recognizing that they are at the discretion of PTCG (Park Township Community Garden).