

City of Grimes Community Garden: Garden Rules and Regulations

Garden Rules

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
2. Tools will be made available for checkout from the Grimes Public Library. A limited number of tools, and garden equipment will be available and equipment will be given out on a first-come/first-serve basis.
3. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times.
4. Each gardener must complete a Garden Contract form before any work in the garden can begin.
5. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment.
6. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is only allowed on plots 1-10; 21-29; and 41-49.
7. The congregation of St. Peter's Church will be assigned plots first. After that process, assignment of garden plots will be handled by the Grimes Public Library. To obtain a plot visit the library to "checkout" a plot. If you do not already have a Grimes Public Library card, please bring a photo id and proof of your current address.
8. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only.
9. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.
10. When harvesting, please donate a portion of your produce to the Grimes Food Bank. Donations of harvested items should be dropped off at the Grimes Public Library. The produce will then be given out to families in need at the Grimes Farmers Market each Wednesday afternoon. You may instead donate your time to tend to the garden plot of the Community Food Bank. Sign up is located at: <http://www.grimes.lib.ia.us/resources/grimes-giving-garden/>
11. The Garden Committee is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. The committee is made up of gardeners elected each year at the spring meeting.