

Vandalia Community Garden - Jeffers Park

2018 Guidelines and Rules for Use

The City of Vandalia is providing garden plots at Jeffers Park, located at 407 Halcyon Drive, to any City of Vandalia resident. In order to provide a safe and enjoyable gardening and park experience for all, the following guidelines shall be followed by all registered gardeners. The City of Vandalia Park Rules apply as well. This information is included to help each gardener know what the parks department will provide to aid in the gardening experience and what is required of each participant. Our hope is for a successful gardening season for all involved.

- Garden plots measure fifteen feet by twenty feet and are available on a first come, first served basis.
- A water source has been installed close to the garden. No hoses may be attached to this water source. Gardeners must use buckets or watering cans.
- Park maintenance staff is responsible for the following: tilling the gardens in the spring prior to garden opening and in the fall after the gardens have closed for the season, emptying the trash cans, picking up rocks placed in the outer corner of the garden plot and mowing the grass areas.
- Garden plots open April 1 (weather dependent) through October 31 and will be marked with a stake with the plot number. Those renting a garden will be assigned a numbered plot on a first come, first served basis. A plot map is included for your reference.

By receiving a garden plot I agree to the following:

- I will pay a fee of \$25 to help cover garden expenses. Your plot is not guaranteed until payment is received and the VPRD Refund Policy applies to this program.
- I will have something planted in the garden by the last Monday in May and keep it planted all summer long.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify park staff at 415-2353. I will keep weeds at a minimum and put trash in the can provided or take it home. I will keep trash and litter out of the plot.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given two weeks notice to clean it up. At that time it will be reassigned or mowed down to keep weeds under control.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will pick only my crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- I will not use fertilizers or insecticides that will in any way affect other plots. Please use the most environmentally friendly products available. Chemical weed control is prohibited at all times. The Ohio State University Extension Service (www.extension.osu.edu/topics/garden) is a great source for gardening information.
- I will use the water responsibly and will not hook any hose to the watering source.
- I will park in the paved parking area.
- By October 31 I will clear all non – organic materials from my site - tomato stakes, cages, string, etc. - so that the garden can be tilled by park staff.

I agree to hold the City of Vandalia harmless for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests. The City of Vandalia is not responsible for crop loss due to weather, animals or vandals.