

Alston Community Garden - Hosted by The 11th Hour Response Team

Rules and Regulations

- Garden spaces are for growing crops for personal use seasonally or year-round. Selling crops for monetary gain is not allowed.
- Growing Cannabis or any other plants on the Oregon State Weed Control or Columbia County list of noxious weeds is strictly prohibited.
- It is each gardener's responsibility to prepare the soil in your plot(s) for planting, this includes rototilling your plot(s).
- 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 each gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
- Weeds must be controlled/removed from all planted and non-planted areas of your plot(s). If for any reason you cannot care for your plot(s), you must make arrangements to have your plot(s) maintained.
- In order to conserve water, gardeners must be present when watering their gardens and **irrigation is not to be left unattended. No overhead oscillating or fan sprinklers are permitted.**
- No structures or non-organic (plastic) stakes, are allowed.
- Due to close proximity and size of gardens, growing corn and plants over 4 feet tall is not allowed at Alston Community Garden.
- **The application of sterilant and herbicides (weed killer) to the garden plots is prohibited.** Let's keep our gardens safe!
- **Pets are allowed in your garden, but must be on a leash, picked up after and kept out of all gardens other than your own.**
- In order to discourage absentee gardeners, renters must begin actively working their sites or forfeit their space by June 1. 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 3 weeks that plot is subject to reassignment.
- At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and removing all stakes, cages, posts, poles, wood, string, hoses, tools, garbage cans, chairs etc., leaving the plot as they found it in the spring. A compost area will be provided.
- Gardeners failing to follow rules and maintain their space by keeping plot(s) weed free may lose their privileges to use garden space(s) for the remainder of the season and the following year(s). 1st offense – verbal, 2nd offense – written, 3rd offense – forfeit use of space.
- Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.
- Plot fees are due in full before gardening activity begins.

Garden Etiquette

- Please be considerate of neighboring gardens and do not allow plants to invade or encroach on other gardens.
- **Please do not use other gardeners' tools without permission.**
- Use of household pesticide is allowed, however you are encouraged to coordinate with neighboring gardeners.
- **Children are wonderful gardeners but need to be under adult supervision at all times.**
- Harvest promptly and **NO** picking from other gardens.
- Vehicles must be parked in the parking lot. No parking in front of gate or blocking the gate or inside the gate. Please **DO NOT LEAVE GATE OPEN** after passing through.

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.

Alston Community Garden Committee reserves the right to add or remove or adjust rules and regulations. A two-week notice will be given to gardeners before any changes are implemented.

The 11th Hour Response Team nor land owners, Alston Pub and Grub are not responsible for any loss or damage to crops, equipment or materials.