

Heurich Park Community Garden Rules

The Heurich Park Community Garden is within the jurisdiction of the City of Hyattsville and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. As such, all rules governing this garden will conform to existing rules of park use.

Garden Space Allocation

1. Gardeners are required to complete an application form.
2. Garden plots will be 15 feet by 15 feet in area, with a path adjacent to two sides of each plot.
3. Gardens will be allocated first come first served (based on the date of the application) beginning on January 15 of each year (following the inaugural year).
4. Gardeners are required to pay a plot fee of \$50 for in-ground and \$25 for accessible raised beds, in cash only, due on or before the annual spring meeting. Only one plot will be allowed per extended family and/or household.
5. Gardeners in good standing at the conclusion of a garden year can expect to return to the same plot each subsequent year.

Garden Maintenance

6. Gardeners are responsible for following all garden rules. If you are unsure of the meaning of a rule or need additional information regarding the rules you are responsible to gain clarification from a co-leader.
7. Gardeners are required to keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. Contact a garden co-leader if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended time.
8. All gardens will be maintained using organic materials and sustainable techniques. Do not add amendments to the soil whose volume is so great or composition have characteristics that will alter the hydrology of the garden. Large volumes and exotic materials can negatively impact adjacent garden plots.
9. Plant tall plants and vines where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plots and are a minimum of 1 foot from all paths.
10. Gardeners will not create permanent structures, such as raised beds, arbors, or trellises (with the exception of seasonal string and pole structures) in the garden.
11. A maximum of 10 percent of any given plot shall be used for the production of flowers with the exception of flowers that attract pollinators and/or beneficial insects.
12. Do not plant perennial plants that are difficult to remove such as mint, blueberry, berry vines, or fruit trees. An exception is made for strawberries and herbs other than mint.
13. Garden members will not place large stones and/or broken concrete chunks in the garden.

Garden Decorum

14. Gardeners are required to attend both Gardeners are required to sign up for two of the garden jobs/crews listed on the application. Bi-annual garden meetings and complete three (3) hours of

Heurich garden community-wide service. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of garden membership.

15. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their express approval.
16. Do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day, roll up the hose at the faucet area, return tools to the shed and lock the shed before leaving the garden. Please water judiciously.
17. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed.
18. Pets, drugs (including alcohol), radios, boom boxes and fires (except in areas designated by the City of Hyattsville) are not allowed.
19. Children in the garden must be supervised at all times.
20. The garden will be open only during daylight hours. For safety, consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable.
21. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden co-leaders and police.
22. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.

End of Season Cleaning

23. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let a co-leader know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
24. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) that are not being used must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. If your garden is not cleaned-up by November 1st, you could lose your gardening privileges.
25. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost bin provided.
26. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so it will not contaminate the compost, and spread disease to other gardens.
27. Old woody plants are to be placed in designated area to be chipped or hauled off site. Contact a co-leader for the location of the site.

Process for Enforcing Garden Violations

28. If any of the guidelines are violated that require corrective action you will be contacted by phone or e-mail and have one week to address the violation. If the violation has not been remedied by the end of 2 weeks, you may lose your gardening privileges.