



Marymoor Community Gardeners Association

1. GARDEN USE AND PATH MAINTENANCE

- a. Each full-size garden plot is approximately (10'x40'); half-plots are approximately (10'x 20').
- b. The annual dues are \$65.00 for (10'x40') plots and \$32.50 for (10'x20') plots. Water is included in the price.
- c. There is an 8 hour annual community service requirement per full-size plot, and 4 hours for half-size plots.
- d. Garden plots are used for growing vegetables and flowers for the gardener's own use or for donation to charitable organizations. Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial use is prohibited. Growing trees is prohibited.
- e. During the active garden season (April 1st to October 31st), gardeners must actively grow produce and/or flowers, and keep their plot(s) weeded and maintained.
- f. Gardeners are responsible for tools, tilling, soil amendments, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, etc.
- g. Gardeners must keep the main pathway in front of their garden clear for King County mowers.
- h. You must contact mcgaboard@gmail.com before building any structure in your plot. Permanent structures are not allowed in plots. Pressure treated wood is not allowed.
- i. Gardens may be cultivated year round (Please Note: water is turned off from October 15th through April 15th).

2. PLOT ASSIGNMENT AND SURRENDER

- a. Garden registration is open from January 1st to August 31st.
- b. The maximum number of plots that a first-year gardener/family/group may rent is one.
- c. The maximum number of plots a gardener/family/group may rent is four.
- d. The maximum number of plots a gardener/family/group may expand to is one per year starting their second year, and they must be in good standing.
- e. The maximum number of plots that make up a single garden is four.
- f. Returning gardeners have first preference to the plots they rented the previous year, IF their application and payments are received by February 28th and they are in good standing.
- g. Applications for returning gardeners received after the deadline will be assigned space as available.
- h. Gardeners may not transfer their plot(s) to unregistered parties or other MCGA gardeners.
- i. If you no longer wish to garden, please notify the MCGA Registrar as soon as possible and remove all tools and plants from your garden. If surrendered plot(s) can be "re-rented" during the same season, a full or partial refund may be offered. Please leave your plot better than you found it, if at all possible!

3. CULTIVATION

- a. Cultivation Deadline: Plots must be weeded and cleared by May 1st to ensure the maximum use of limited space. Plots not actively cultivated by this time, may be reassigned by the board.
- b. Row Monitoring: During the gardening season, row monitors (volunteer gardeners) review plot usage in an effort to help keep plots active.
- c. When plots become over-grown with weeds for more than two weeks, gardeners are contacted by phone or email by their row monitor. Gardeners have two weeks to tend their plot after notification.
- d. If a row manager contacts you about an over-grown plot two times in one year and your plot remains in a similar condition a third time, your plot will return to the rental pool. No refunds will be given.
- e. Gardeners may reapply to the garden after a one-year waiting period.
- f. Gardeners must be present in the garden while watering. Automatic water timers are not allowed. Water is to be used only for gardening and please conserve water as much as possible.
- g. Containers of open-standing water should be covered, because they can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- h. Tires are not allowed.
- i. Plants of an invasive nature (such as bamboo or English ivy or Hops) are not allowed in the ground; they are only allowed in containers. Plants on King County's Noxious Weed List are not allowed anywhere in the garden and must be removed. To learn more about the current list of noxious weeds, please visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/noxious-weeds/laws/list.aspx>.

If in doubt, please contact the MCGA board at mcgaboard@gmail.com for assistance.

4. GOOD NEIGHBOR PRACTICES

- a. Gardeners must keep their borders free from weeds, vines, or other materials that may impact the enjoyment of neighboring plots.
- b. Use common courtesy and resolve differences in a neighborly way. For problems with fellow gardeners, remain polite and listen carefully; usually solutions are easily reached. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Contact the MCGA Board of Directors for more serious difficulties.
- c. Dogs and other pets are not allowed in the garden.
- d. Loud radios are prohibited.
- e. There is no smoking allowed in the garden.
- f. Tall plants (such as corn, sunflowers, Jerusalem artichoke, or tall trellised plants) that cast extensive shade should be planted where they will not impact adjoining gardens.
- g. Raspberries and other caning berries can easily get out of control. Raspberry rows should be kept within a 10' x 3' area, staked or trellised, with at least a two foot path around the row to keep from encroaching on neighbors' plot.
- h. Closely supervise your children; help them learn respect for gardening and boundaries. Children using tools in the garden must be under direct and constant supervision of a parent or guardian. "Direct" means within talking distance. Children should always be within eyesight of a parent or guardian.
- i. Removal of vegetables, flowers, or garden equipment without the owner's consent, as well as intentional damage to a garden plot, is subject to prosecution in accordance with King County Ordinance 6798:7.12.550.7. Any member witnessing or experiencing garden theft or vandalism should notify police by calling 206-296-3311 to file a report, as well as the Park Office 206-205-3661. Try to get a good description of the perpetrator(s) and a license plate of their car if possible. Due to the open nature of parks and garden sites, King County Parks is not responsible for loss of garden products.
- j. MCGA is an online community too! Please visit <http://marymoorgarden.org> for the latest garden information.
- k. We can also be found on [Facebook](#) simply by doing a search for marymoorgarden once you login.
- l. We also have an active blog at <http://mcgaboard.blogspot.com>. All this and more can be found on our main website.

5. GARDEN SAFE, GARDEN ECO-FRIENDLY.

- a. Our community garden follows stringent eco-friendly practices. Our goal is to have a positive impact on local wildlife and the environment and to follow the rules set out by the King County Parks System. With your help, we will keep the gardens safe for future generations.
- b. Repellants: The use of synthetic chemicals that act as weed killers, pesticides, fungicides, etc. are prohibited (examples include Roundup weed killer and Corry's Slug & Snail Death). However, organic methods for controlling weeds and pests are encouraged (examples include Sluggo and Safer Insecticidal Soap brands).
- c. Fertilizers: The use of synthetic fertilizers in powder form or in pre-packaged potting soils is prohibited (examples include Miracle Grow powder or Miracle Grow potting soil). Organic fertilizers are encouraged (examples include composted manures, as well as plant, animal, and mineral sources of nutrients).
- d. OMRI labeled repellants and fertilizers are eco-friendly.
- e. Raw manure from any animal is prohibited. Manures must be fully composted. No human waste is allowed.
- f. Building materials: The use of pressure-treated wood is prohibited! Paint or stain must be safe for vegetable gardening and applied outside of the garden.

If you're unsure whether or not a repellent or fertilizer is appropriate for the garden, look for the OMRI logo on the product labeling. Products with the OMRI logo are safe. (See below).



If you have questions, contact us at mcgaboard@gmail.com

Any gardener found to be in violation of the community garden rules will be asked to leave the garden.