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## Wabash Park Community Garden



### 2017 Garden Guidelines

#### Gardeners Agree To:

All gardeners are required to complete an application form. A plot rental fee of \$30.00 per plot for City of Rochester Hills residents, and \$35.00 for non-residents is due when you submit your application. Exceptions may be made for deadline and payment plans will be available for those who cannot afford to pay, in full, by the deadline.

I will make an effort to check my e-mail frequently for updates, changes and announcements from the Community Garden, as this will be the main means the Garden Advisory Board will use to communicate with fellow gardeners.

I will cultivate and plant my plot by June 5th. If I have not commenced work on my plot by that date, the Garden Advisory Board and Dinosaur Hill retains the right to assign my plot to someone else and I will not receive a refund.

I will visit my plot regularly. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three (3) weeks or longer during the growing season. The growing season that applies to this guideline is June through October. I understand that I may use my plot before that if I want to grow early season produce.

If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Garden Advisory Board and forfeit my claim to the plot. A refund will not be issued.

I will be a good neighbor to adjoining gardeners and I will not expand my plot beyond the boundaries (4ft by 8ft) of the raised bed into pathways or other gardener's plots.

I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. If my garden area becomes unsightly, including weeds that become three inches or taller, the Garden Advisory Board retains the right to terminate my plot rental with no refund.

Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.

I will report theft, vandalism or suspicious behavior to the police immediately. I will notify the Garden Advisory Board of the report. I am responsible for checking my e-mail and/or garden notice board for any information, meetings, or changes to guidelines throughout the garden season.

I agree to participate in the maintenance and upkeep of the general garden area and will participate in any workdays/meetings as possible.

Watering is my responsibility. I will water only as much as is needed to keep my plot healthy. I will stay on site at all times during watering.

Gardeners are encouraged to donate any surplus produce, in good condition, to the local community food bank. Donations can be made individually, or by contacting the Garden Advisory Board to assist you in getting your produce to the food bank.

Planting, growing or harvesting plants or produce at the community garden for sale or commercial purposes is strictly prohibited.

I understand that the Rochester Hills Community Garden is an organic garden in nature and that I am able to ONLY use natural fertilizers.

Plots must be cleaned of debris and prepared for winter by November 5th. Gardeners leaving their plots in poor condition may forfeit gardening privileges for the following year.

### **Gardeners Agree NOT To:**

Pursuant to the City of Rochester Hills Code of Ordinances, Parks and Recreation Chapter 74-1-146, strictly prohibit the use of alcohol, pets, fires, and disorderly conduct, etc. apply. Furthermore, I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.

I will not disturb the plots of other gardeners or take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine, unless permitted by garden officials.

No on-site composting is allowed. The City of Rochester Hills will provide compost during the growing season.

The following is strictly prohibited;

- Planting of invasive species

- The use of herbicides, insecticides and commercial inorganic fertilizer

- Planting of any illegal plants, including medical marijuana plants

No radios, boom boxes or loud music.

Please do not alter the water system in any way.

### **Other Provisions**

The garden is open from 8:00 A.M until dusk.

Garden Plots will be assigned on a priority scale. City of Rochester Hills residents will have first priority, followed by non-residents. In all subsequent years, returning gardeners in good standing will have first priority and every effort will be made to assign the same plot as the previous year, unless otherwise requested.

Gardeners requesting multiple plots: Dinosaur Hill will make an effort to accommodate multiple plot requests after all City of Rochester Hills residents' requests have been fulfilled. Dinosaur Hill will make every possible effort to ensure plots are adjoining, unless requested otherwise. Lastly, any remaining plots will be assigned to non-residents.

Parking is only allowed in the designated lot for the garden location.

A violation of any of these guidelines may result in plot reassignment and forfeiture of plot rental fee.

Violation of gardener guidelines: if any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or e-mail and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, this may result in plot reassignment and forfeiture of plot rental fee.

All guidelines are subject to change at any time. I will respect and obey the wishes of the garden officials that may or may not be in the above guidelines. I know that failure to do so will be considered a violation of the gardener guidelines and will be dealt with as such.

Questions or concerns:

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