

Backstretch Community Garden Rules

- Attend garden organizing meetings throughout the season.
- Perform 1 hour per month minimum in service to the Community Garden/Food Shelf donation garden.
- Participate in 1 communal workday, and in pre- and post-season cleanup.
- Place tools back in the shed where you found them.
- Make sure the Garden Coordinator always has your current address, a contact phone number, and email address.
- Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot.
- You must clean up and plant your plot by the June 15th deadline, unless prior approval is received from the Garden Coordinator.
- Remove dead plants and temporary structures by the October 15th fall cleanup deadline or you will not be allowed to return to the garden the following year.
- This is a pesticide and herbicide free garden. NEEM oil and products with the primary active ingredient of NEEM Oil are the only approved products. Use of any chemicals other than approved ones is a violation of the lease and is grounds for immediate forfeiture of privileges and your plot with no refund.
- The Backstretch Garden will be open from 6AM-9PM every day.
- Parking is allowed in the parking lot during these hours.
- Act in a manner considerate of the rights, needs, and safety of other gardeners and the community at large and with courtesy towards others.
- Tend to your plot regularly to control garden-variety weeds and provide an attractive, cared-for appearance, keeping all plantings within your plot boundaries,
- Please put dead plants into the compost bin. Any diseased plants and seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens.
- Smoking, chewing tobacco and use of drugs is not allowed.
- Paths must be kept free of weeds and all obstacles, including encroaching or overhanging plants.
- Planting of illegal materials is forbidden.
- Pick and remove your ripe produce promptly to avoid encouraging theft.
- Respect the property and tools used.
- Put compostable materials only in the designated compost bins.
- Do not enter others' plots except with permission, nor allow pets or unsupervised children to do so.
- Keep dogs leashed and under your control at all times, and always clean up after them.
- Report any concerns of conflicts to your garden coordinator in a respectful manner. Work to help resolve any disputes in good faith.
- Gardeners are responsible for making sure the shed is locked before leaving the garden.