

Community Garden Guidelines

Garden plots are available for Balfour Beatty Communities residents only. There are a limited amount of plots available; therefore, a wait list will be kept for those interested. Gardeners will provide their own materials, including but not limited to: seeds, plants, tools and fertilizer. Balfour Beatty Communities will provide water, water hoses and a mailbox alongside your plot where you can store hand tools. Locking your mailbox is encouraged (locks will not be provided and are the gardeners' responsibility).

Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of his or her assigned plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are the sole responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for others to tend their plot if they are leaving town for an extended period. Garden plots must not be weedy or left untended, filled with debris or dead plants, or contain unauthorized or illegal plants.

During the growing season, gardeners are expected to spend an average of two hours per week tending their plot. This includes weeding, planting, edging weeds along borders, working the soil in preparation for planting, harvesting of crops, and pathway clean-up (if applicable). At the end of the growing season, or upon PCS, gardeners are responsible for clearing his or her plot of all plant material and debris, returning the plot to Balfour Beatty Communities as it was received.

Gardeners may only harvest from their own plot. Any gardener reported taking vegetables, flowers or supplies from another plot may have their garden privileges revoked. Gardeners are encouraged to harvest crops regularly in order to reduce temptation of theft by others.

What is appropriate to grow? Vegetables, herbs, flowers and small fruit plants for home consumption and donations are appropriate. No large structures or trees are allowed in individual plots. *Crops must be legal to grow.* Invasive plants, such as mint and rhubarb must be planted with a barrier around it.

Gardeners are encouraged to use natural gardening techniques. The use of herbicides and or weed killers are strictly PROHIBITED! Use of chemicals or propellants banned by the federal, state or local government shall be grounds for forfeiture of garden privileges.

Individuals under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Smoking and alcohol are prohibited in the garden.

Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not plant sprawling crops or tall growing plants that might interfere with other plots. Do not spray on windy days. Keep insects and weeds under control. Balfour Beatty Communities has set-up watering hoses near the water faucets. Please

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be courteous and roll hoses up when not in use. Unattended watering (such as a sprinkler) is not permitted. Please notify Balfour Beatty Communities Maintenance Department immediately of any leaks in water lines. Make sure all water faucets are off before leaving the garden.

Gardeners MUST participate in the seasonal cleanup of his or her garden plots. Failure to completely clean your plot at the end of the season will result in becoming ineligible to request a plot for the next gardening season.

Returning Community Garden to Balfour Beatty Communities. In the event gardeners no longer wish to maintain a plot, an inspection of the plot will be conducted to ensure all plant material and debris have been removed.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Brandi at blytle@bbcgrp.com or 805-734-1445.

I _____, have read, understand and will abide by the above rules of the garden.

Signature: _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Date: _____

For Official Use Only - REMOVAL:

Date 30-Day Notice Received: _____

Date Orders/Other Received: _____

Date Accepted by BBC Mgmt: _____

Resident REMOVED from Yard: _____

Resident Garden Plot Cleared: _____

Management Signature: _____