

RIVER DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES AND RULES

The River District Community Garden (RDCG) is a unique project with the twin missions of beautifying an unused space within a predominantly urban area and creating a community bridge between the River District and the inner Northwest neighborhoods. The garden has been designed specifically to be visually enjoyable to visitors and residents, as well as accommodating to as many member gardeners as possible.

These guidelines and rules apply to me as a part of my garden plot group:

I will pay a yearly fee of \$50 and a one time deposit of \$15 to help cover garden expenses. The deposit is due with my application and will be refunded when I clean up my plot at the end of my membership period and have complied with all the garden membership rules. The first year's fee will be paid once I have been selected to be a garden member. I will renew my membership each year in order to keep a plot.

My membership is nontransferable and I am responsible for keeping my contact information current with the Garden Manager.

I will notify my Garden Manager immediately if I am no longer able to help maintain the plot. If I am absent for a long period of time, I understand that it is my responsibility to find a group member or neighboring gardener to take care of my gardening responsibilities.

I, as part of my group, will have something planted in the garden one month after the garden's initial opening, and by May 15th each year thereafter, and will help maintain it all season long.

I understand that this is an organic garden and will not use herbicides, insecticides, nor non-conforming weed killers. Additionally, I will not use kitchen compost because of potential pest problems.

I understand that this is a flower and plant garden, and will not grow food crops. I will pick flowers only from my group plot unless given permission by another plot user to pick. Additionally, I understand the garden is for personal enjoyment and nothing should be grown for commercial purposes.

I will keep weeds and insects under control and I will help maintain the common area paths adjacent to my plot.

I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost area only, and I will take trash and litter home for disposal.

If the group plot becomes unkempt or I do not meet the garden guidelines I understand that I will be notified immediately. If my group does not comply within 14 days the plot will be reassigned or it will be tilled under.

I will not plant tall plants where they will shade neighboring plots nor plant sprawling plants that may encroach into other plots.

I will try to conserve water by using mulch to reduce evaporation. I will water only within my plot and not allow watering outside of my plot.

I will clean and return borrowed tools to the storage area and will keep hoses neatly rolled up. I will not take tools home overnight.

I understand that individual fencing is not allowed. I also understand that ornamentation such as sculptures, rocks, seating, etc is not allowed unless it is approved by the RDCG Board.

I understand that dogs are allowed only if leashed and kept out of the raised beds or other growing areas. Children should be supervised so as not to disturb other plots. Smoking and loud radios are not allowed for the sake of my neighbor's peace and quiet.

I understand that the garden is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. I will keep gates closed at all times and take responsibility for the safety of the garden.

All site maintenance is performed by me and my fellow gardeners and we must share in maintenance of the overall site. During each season each gardener must:

- Attend the garden orientation meeting in the spring
- Contribute at least 8 hours to community garden maintenance including at least two work parties
- Contribute at least 2 hours to fundraising to cover garden costs
- Participate in fall clean-up to prepare for winter

I will try to attend additional garden meetings and events, such as neighborhood open houses, flower showings, planning meeting, etc. throughout the year.

I understand that neither the garden group nor the land owners are responsible for my actions. I THEREFOR AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

**TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP FILL OUT AND MAIL THE FOLLOWING
APPLICATION AND GARDEN MANAGER FORMS
TO ZIMMERMAN COMMUNITY CENTER
555 NW PARK AVENUE #109
PORTLAND, OR 97209**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
ZIMMERMAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

RIVER DISTRICT COMMUNITY GARDEN
APPLICATION

I have read and agree to the RDCG guidelines and rules. Please consider my application for membership in the River District Community Garden. ***Mail this completed form along with your deposit check of \$15 to:***

**Zimmerman Community Center
555 NW Park Ave. #109
Portland, OR 97209**

I would like to garden as:

- An individual
- As part of an organized group. My group is _____ (i.e. school, condominium group, company group).
- There are ____ # of gardeners in my group.

I am interested in the following types of garden plots (please number your preferences in order)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lilies, Irises, Bulbs | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Plant Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asters, Coneflowers, Daisies | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dahlias, Roses | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> No Preference |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

I am interested in being a Garden Manager or Co-Manager (see description on MANAGER application)

- Garden Manager
- Garden Co-Manager
- Either

I would like to be placed on a waiting list for the next available membership opening if I am not selected this round

- Yes
- No

Print Name Signature Date

Address

Phone Email Address