



City of Breezy Point

COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES

ALL GARDENERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE GARDEN ORIENTATION. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL WITH THE DATE(S) OF THIS MEETING.

Plots are reserved yearly on a first come first serve basis as payments and applications are received at City Hall. Plot reservations will be taken between January 1 and April 1 of the calendar year. All requests for additional plots will remain unfilled until April 1. After that date, any unreserved plots will be made available for reservation as additional plots.

Gardener's may reserve the same plot/raised bed for the following year if request is made prior to December 1st of the next year's registration period.

Garden Sizes: (4) 17" High, Raised Beds (8' x 4')

() 32" High, Raised Beds (8' x 4')

() 10' x 20' Plots

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

- The Breezy Point Community Garden will be open between the dates of May 1 and October 17th of the calendar year. Park hours of operation are limited to 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM daily.
- Plants and vines must not interfere with or shade neighboring plots in any manner.
- Soil must be removed to the maximum possible degree from weeds and plants before composting or disposing of them at the garden's facilities.
- All vegetation must be removed by October 17 of the calendar year with all plant materials composted or disposed of per the rules and regulations outlined here.
- All support systems (trellis, cages, etc.) must be removed by October 17.
- No planting or growing of cannabis and/or marijuana of any kind is allowed.
- No planting of perennials is allowed in individual plots or raised beds (ex. Strawberries, rhubarb, chives, mint, etc).
- Operation of any power equipment or maintenance of the facility outside of the specific area of the reserved garden plot is forbidden by anyone other than City of Breezy Point employees.

MAINTENANCE OF GARDEN AND PLOTS

- Plants must be maintained on a regular basis, kept within the limits of the rented garden plot, and must be legally permissible under MN State, County, and City regulations.

- Only organic gardening methods are permissible. No use of commercial fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides are permitted unless specifically labeled to contain only organic ingredients.
- Rented plots, and all adjoining pathways and fence lines, must be kept free of weeds, rocks, pests, and diseases by the renter.
- All trash, litter, and other materials that are not composted, and will be disposed of offsite.
- On site gardening tools are available for use on a first come first serve basis. If a gardener desires a specific tool, or wished to utilize a tool while none are available, they must provide their own. All tools must be cleaned and returned to the tool rack after use.
- Gardens may be flagged for lack of plot maintenance. Lack of management consists of improper weeding, watering, and removal of diseased or dying vegetation. Complaints can be made at City Hall during regular office hours and will be handled as follows:
 - a. Complaint must be provided on a written form available at City Hall. The complainant must identify the plot number and the reason for their complaint.
 - b. A member of City Staff will evaluate the situation, and if necessary, notify the renter via email or text, to remedy the issue within one week.
 - c. Should the issue fail to be resolved within that week, a second notification will be sent to the renter the following week.
 - d. If issue(s) remain unresolved by the third week the plot will be cleared and tarped for the remainder of the growing season. The renter will be notified of the closure of their plot and will be unable to reserve a plot for use in the concurrent year.
- If a Gardener is unable to maintain their plot for any reason they must contact the Community Garden Group via email at: BreezyPointCommunityGarden@gmail.com.

WATERING OF GARDEN AND PLOTS

- Water usage must be limited to the system provided by the City of Breezy Point. Individual sprinklers are not allowed on the premises and gardeners must remain present while watering their gardens.
- Renters must remain present during the watering of a plot and related hoses and/or tools must be returned to the appropriate rack after use. Instances of overwatering or mishandling of equipment can be reported to City Hall.
- Any leaks or other mechanical problems with watering systems must be reported to staff at City Hall as soon as is safely possible.

COMPOSTING AND DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS

- Only healthy plant material is permissible for composting at garden facilities. All compost must be disposed of in appropriate containers.

- Renters must dispose of all weeds and diseased plants or materials in the appropriate provided bins separate from the compost bins.
- All personal waste, such as pots and non-garden waste, must be removed from the facility and disposed of offsite.

MISCELLANEOUS GARDEN RULES

- All children under the age of 16 must always be accompanied by an adult who can monitor their behavior and location.
- Renters who wish to play music while they garden must utilize headphones to avoid disturbing others.
- Renters and gardeners are solely responsible for the safety of themselves, and any guests, brought into the garden area. Please refer to the City of Breezy Point Community Garden application for further details.
- The following items are prohibited on the Garden facility premises:
 - a. Alcohol/illegal drugs
 - b. Firearms (Except as allowed by MN State Statute)
 - c. Pets or animals
 - d. Smoking and/or vaping
 - e. Use of Fireworks
 - f. Fires of any kind