

## **Spokane Parks and Recreation Department Riverwalk Park Community Garden Rules**

- 1. The Garden Master is Taylor Weech.**
- 2. These rules must be posted on site at all times.**
- 3. SPRD will turn on the water by April 1<sup>st</sup> and turn off the water by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.**
- 4. The Garden shall be cleaned up and winterized by November 1st of each year and have no standing plant material beyond that date.**
- 5. There will be no stockpiling or composting of any material that is brought from outside the Garden.**
- 6. All watering shall be done by hand with no use of sprinklers.**
- 7. No improvements will be allowed that are not a part of the approved site plan.**
- 8. Temporary plant support structures are permitted as long as they are no taller than 6' above the grade of the Garden pathways.**
- 9. All weather protection structures shall be approved by the Garden Master and shall be not taller than the approved perimeter fence.**
- 10. Gardeners must register with the Garden Master and Registrar for the neighborhood in question in order to be assigned a plot in the garden. Fees are set on an annual basis to cover costs of operating the garden.**
- 11. Each gardener must apply each year for a plot; returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot. After three weeks, unreserved plots will be made available to new gardeners.**
- 12. The number of plots per gardener may be limited according to demand.**
- 13. Handicapped accessible garden plots may be given to able bodied gardeners only if they are not being used. Should a request be made by a disabled gardener, that plot will be reassigned to the disabled gardener at the beginning of the growing season.**
- 14. Herbicides, pesticides and chemical fertilizers are not permitted to be used in the garden.**
- 15. Any new fresh organic material or compost shall be tilled within the same day of delivery.**
- 16. No invasive species shall be introduced and will be monitored by the Garden Master.**
- 17. Gardeners are responsible for keeping their plots weeded, tended and for keeping the area around their plots neat including edging around the raised bed. The plot must be cleared at the end of each growing season.**
- 18. All garden plots will be enclosed as raised beds with material specified in the site plan or chosen from the attached specifications**

19. All garden walkways or pathways shall be kept clean and maintained with material identified in the site plan or the specifications list.
20. If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener to help with weeding and harvesting.
21. Gardening must be contained within the defined space and plants are not be allowed to invade walkways, plots assigned to other gardeners, or the fence surrounding the garden. Tall plants should be located at the center of the plot so they do not shade neighboring garden plots.
22. Garden plots may not be re-configured in any way. Plot numbers must be left in place.
23. Only untreated, wooden stakes for plants may be introduced into the garden. Plots may not be used for storage or wood scraps, household items or tools.
24. Water buckets must be emptied daily; no open containers of water are allowed in the garden by restriction of the Spokane Regional Health District.
25. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
26. Park Hours and Rules must be observed.
27. Smoking is not allowed in or around the garden area.
28. Do not leave hoses running unattended and be mindful of others needs to water.
29. Tools may not be left in the garden.
30. No pets are allowed in the garden area except service dogs that must be leashed at all times.
31. No garbage service is provided so you must haul out any garbage.
32. Gardeners are expected to give volunteer hours each season for communal garden chores such as mowing, fall clean up, and spring clean up.
33. Two warnings will be issued for plots that are overgrown or otherwise not in compliance with garden rules. Failure to correct the violation within one week of notification will result in loss of garden privileges and re-assignment of your space without refund.
34. **BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR** to your fellow gardeners, to those that live around the garden, and to the families who use the adjoining play field. Help keep the garden neat and clean.

Thank you for your cooperation in making a positive gardening experience possible for all.