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Plot No. :

Community Garden Plot Application

Plots in the Leon Valley Community Garden are assigned at no charge and are open year round, from dawn to dusk; however, gardeners must follow established guidelines to assure the garden is a purely organic space, free of chemical contaminations, and is safe and fun for all our gardeners.

Your compliance will help to maintain a healthy, sustainable, and attractive space. Failure to comply with the rules may result in a loss of gardening privileges.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

I, the undersigned, agree to adhere to the following Leon Valley Basic Gardening and Community Garden rules, as well as all regulations pertaining to Raymond Rimkus Park. I further agree to notify the Leon Valley Public Works Department at (210) 681-1232, in the event that I am no longer using the garden plot assigned and to return any keys.

Basic Gardening Guidelines

1. Only organic fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides are to be used in the plots – no synthetic chemicals.
2. Water will be performed with conservation practices, using drip or soakers hoses only.
3. Natural soil conditioning, such as composting, cover cropping, mulching, and adding natural rock minerals are encouraged.
4. The use of “good” bugs is desirable.
5. Use of native, heritage, adapted, and non-GMO varieties of seeds/plants is preferable.

Community Garden Regulations

1. Each gardener agrees to practice organic gardening methods, as listed above.
2. Each gardener agrees to commit at least four (4) hours per month to be “on duty”, to not only tend to their plot, but to also contribute to tasks such as mowing walking paths, cleaning up trash, turning compost, and reporting repair requests.
3. Each gardener agrees to maintain his/her plot, so as to not cause harm to the neighboring plot tenders, to include planting so that adjacent plots are not excessively shaded. Disagreements will be resolved by a majority vote of the gardeners.
4. Water will be made available to each plot at no charge to the plot user. Each gardener is responsible for proving their own hoses, soakers and drip irrigation equipment.

5. Plots are separated by concrete blocks. Any further protection desired will be provided and maintained by each gardener. Any fencing will be placed inside the individual plot and be no higher than four feet.
6. Gardeners will be able to keep their plots until such time as there are more gardeners than plots, at which time the plots will be assigned on a lottery and first picked basis. Garden plots are assigned in January of each calendar year.
7. Each gardener acknowledges that (s)he has no recourse against the City for any personal injuries or damages to the assigned plot or the vegetation within.
8. Children under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
9. Dogs must be kept on a leash and in the walkways only. All dog waste is to be removed immediately.
10. Please place vegetable stalks, such as tomato, squash, and other heavy thick vines, in a neat pile next to the composter and they will be picked up by Public Works, as these do not compost well.
11. The garden shed is available to store tools. Each gardener receives a key to the garden gates and the shed – please keep your tools organized, neat, and out of the pathways in the garden.
12. A notebook for recording dates, times, and any notes, is in the mailbox at the front of the garden. Please record your sessions at the garden. If it is filled, please contact Public Works to request a new notebook.

Signature

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For more information or to report a concern, please contact the Public Works Department at (210) 681-1232. Please return this application to:

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