

## Rules for Community Garden



1. The fee for the use of the garden is \$55 per plot, per year, due on or before receiving a plot. There are no refunds. Plot fees are due in full with the application. Plot fee includes a one-year [family membership](#) to Houston Botanic Garden.
2. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the Education Coordinator if they are not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment.
3. The application of synthetic herbicides (weed killers) and pesticides to the garden plots is prohibited. Organic products may be used, with permission of the Education Coordinator.
4. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden-related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
5. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only.
6. Tools will be made available for use during the regularly scheduled work time each week. A limited number of tools, hoses, and watering equipment will be available in the Community Garden tool shed for use during non-scheduled work times. Regularly scheduled work times will be posted on the garden bulletin board.
7. The sole entrance of the Community Garden is on Glenview Drive. Each gardener will be given the lock combination to this entrance. Gardeners will also receive the lock combination to the tool shed. Gardeners must keep garden gate and tool shed locked at all times and return all tools.
8. Gardeners should park on north side of Glenview, not in front of neighborhood residents' houses.
9. The Education Coordinator will assign general garden maintenance tasks each month, and gardeners must complete them by the end of the month that they are assigned.
10. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised by a gardener at all times. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here.
11. Gardeners cannot plant illegal plants, smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. Gardeners cannot come under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Gardeners cannot bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
12. Gardeners must not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
13. Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.
14. Each gardener must agree to comply with general rules of the Houston Botanic Garden: <https://hbg.org/visit/garden-rules/>.

### **Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the Community Garden and loss of the plot.**

1. Gardener will receive one verbal warning from the Education Coordinator.
2. If no response or correction has been made, the gardener will receive written notice two weeks later.
3. In another two weeks, if no response or correction has been made, the gardener will receive written final notification that gardening privileges and plot are forfeited.
4. Gardener will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot after one full year following forfeiture, and only at the discretion of the Education Coordinator.