

Slatterly Park Community Gardens

Guidelines - updated April 2016

PURPOSE

To establish a policy and procedures for vegetable and/or flower gardens on park land and/or public lands under the stewardship of the Rochester Park Department.

HISTORY

Until recently policy did not allow gardens on park land. The Board has requested a change to this policy whereby recognized neighborhood associations and / or representatives acting on behalf of the Rochester Area Foundation (RAF) can submit requests to collectively garden on park land under the maintenance stewardship of the Park Department. Applicants will be required to pay for the exclusive use of these permitted garden areas. The Park Board will establish the fee on an annual basis.

Application for gardening in Slatterly Park area has been approved by Park Board.

Garden use and path maintenance:

Slatterly Park Community Garden (SPCG) is open for use from May 1 through October 31. Gardens may be planted as soon as the annual dues payment has been made for the plot or plots.

Garden plots are 8 feet by 10 feet.

Each person is responsible for maintaining their plot by watering of plants as needed and weeding regularly to ensure a weed-free garden throughout the growing season. Do not put weeds and/or rocks in the pathways or into the trash containers of the park. They must be taken away from the park area.

It is everyone's responsibility to also help maintain and clear weeds from the pathways between gardens.

Garden plots are to be used for growing vegetables and annual flowers. Shrubs and trees are prohibited.

All perennial plants, wire cages & fences must be removed at the conclusion of the growing season.

Tall plants, such as corn or sunflowers that cast extensive shade should be planted where they will not impact adjoining gardens.

The use of synthetic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers is prohibited. Organic material is recommended.

Gardeners are encouraged to cover their plots with straw or mulch as a method of weed control and water conservation. (Yard waste should not be brought to the garden and please limit the use of grass clippings). Note these forms of weed control must be removed by the end of the gardening season.

Miscellaneous:



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Dogs and other pets must be leashed and closely supervised in the garden area.

Smoking and drinking alcohol is not allowed in the gardens.

Use common courtesy and resolve differences in a neighborly way. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated.

When not in use, return tools etc to the storage box. Combination to the box is WATER.

Loud radios are prohibited.

Tires are not allowed.

Vehicle access to garden sites and parking is limited to public streets, park drives or parking areas.

Supervise your children; help them learn respect for other gardens and gardeners while they learn gardening.

Removal of vegetables or flowers without the owner's consent is prohibited. SPCG is not responsible for accidents or loss of garden products.

All members are expected to take part in the fall clean-up, all gardens must be cleared of vegetation, mulching etc. by Oct. 31.

The garden is enclosed with a decorative fence, and a rabbit guard fencing, fencing over 18 inches within this area is highly discouraged to keep uniform aesthetics, since our Community Garden is in a highly visible location.

2016 Pricing

(1) 8x10 plot \$10

Each additional plot is \$5

Note: Each of the (6) larger 16 x 20 quadrants boxed in are divided into (4) 8x10 plots

I agree to abide by these terms and conditions listed above

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Note a signed contract and payment must be received before planting can take place.

Please send payment to:

Make Check payable to: Slatterly Park N.A.

Slatterly Park N.A. C.G
Attn: Steve Hussong
1026 4th Ave SE
Rochester, MN 55904

