

Alta Park Community Garden
Information, Policies, Regulations, and Procedures
<https://longmontfoundation.org/impact/alta-park-community-garden/>

Gardening Season: January 15th - November 15th.

Community Garden Program provides:

An organic gardening space
Water (regulated by the city and weather conditions)
Tools & wheelbarrows on site

Gardeners are responsible for:

Annual Program participation fee
4 hours (or more) of community service assistance for the garden per plot per year
A clearly worked, weeded and harvested plot all growing season
Clear, weed-free pathways around their plot
Any additional plot needs

Garden Policies:

Plot Assignment

The garden director will determine which garden plots are assigned to gardeners. Renewal of the same garden plot from year-to-year is not guaranteed, but is offered in January. Factors in determining renewal eligibility include compliance with the garden rules and policies, and waitlist demand.

Refunds/Termination

If a garden plot is voluntarily relinquished before April 1st, the plot will be reassigned and half of the plot fee will be refunded. No refunds will be given after this date. The garden director has the right to terminate gardeners for failure to comply with the community garden rules. No refunds will be issued for plots that have been revoked.

Garden Orientation and Community Service Requirement

New gardeners are required to attend a Garden Orientation meeting at the beginning of the season. Returning gardeners are encouraged to attend, but are not required. Additionally, four (4) hours of Community Service time (per plot per year, regardless of plot size) must be given to participate in the Community Garden Program. The deadline to complete and report community service hours is November 15th. Community service hours must be logged with the garden leader by email, or discussed by phone if email is not available. Inability to perform this duty may mean a gardener is ineligible to renew their plot. Examples of activities available to complete Community Service requirement:

- Assist an injured or ill gardener to maintain their plot and pathways
- Attend garden work days, or provide assistance as requested by garden leader
- Maintain garden tools and infrastructure
- Organize a food donation, educational, or social program
- Participate in activities to steer the direction and mission of Alta Park Community Gardens

Rules and Regulations

• Gardeners will plant and/or maintain their garden plot between April 1 and November 15. If by April 15th there has been no sign of activity, please contact your garden leader or your plot will be forfeited to the next person on the waiting list. By November 15th, all non-wintering plants must be removed as well as stakes, walls of water, row covers, etc.

- Use of non-organic pesticides or fertilizers is not allowed.
- Gardens must be kept clean and well maintained: The plot and area immediately surrounding it, including pathways between plots, must be kept free of weeds, invasive plants, rotting vegetation and all other debris.
- The use of grass clippings is not allowed within the Community Garden.
- Gardeners must plant and keep all vegetation within their established plot.
- The garden gate must remain closed at all times and locked upon leaving the garden.
- A few wheelbarrows and tools are available in the garden for gardeners to share. No personal garden tools may be stored in the garden.
- Tall crops are to be planted where they will not shade neighboring plots. No trees or permanent garden structures (e.g. fences) are allowed.
- Gardeners may only harvest from their own plots unless given permission by other gardeners. Items grown in the garden may not be sold, but donation to others is permitted.
- The Community Garden's water is non-potable and is only to be used on the plots. Water spigots must be securely turned off after every use and hoses wrapped & secured (unless drip irrigation is in use).
- All guests brought into the Community Garden are the responsibility of the gardener.
- It is prohibited to plant the following: plants considered contraband under state or federal law, cane fruit, or other invasive plants.
- Harassment (physical or verbal) of any person is not permitted.
- No alcohol, chewing tobacco, or smoking of any kind is allowed on the premises.
- No firearms or weapons are allowed on the premises.
- No radios or barbecues are allowed unless for an organized Community Garden event.
- Pets and children must be attended, and picked up after.
- No vehicles are permitted on any paths and must be parked on the street.
- If a gardener must abandon their garden plot for any reason, they must notify Alta Park Community Gardens promptly.

Alta Community Gardens reserves the right to render a final decision concerning any dispute related to the Community Garden, Rules and Regulations, and Volunteer Activities.

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