**JBAB Community Garden**

**Rules and Responsibilities**

The JBAB Community Garden is a safe place for the community, children, and other gardeners. Garden will be available from 15 Mar to 30 Oct each year. The goal is to have minimal impact on the environment and to ensuring enjoyable gardening experience for all of the gardeners.

JBAB MWR is responsible for enforcing rules and making decisions for the garden. They have authority to resolve conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener or dismissing a current gardener.

* Each person/family must apply each year for a plot. Active Duty and returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish. The number of plots per gardener may be limited according to demand.
* You are responsible for your own plot. Respect others plots.
* Don’t waste water. Turn off water valves when not in use.
* If you decide not to use your plot, please contact JBAB MWR immediately so it may be reassigned. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot with in one (1) month of your agreement, it will be reassigned. There are no refunds on plot fees paid.
* If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or the JCG Coordinator for help.
* Issues or disputes between gardeners will be referred to JBAB MWR.
* Please check the Bulletin Board inside the Garden tool shed for a garden map as well as information concerning the garden, including problems, classes, information, and notices. Feel free to post information you have and leave messages for other gardeners there.
* If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After one week of no action, your plot may be reassigned.
* If you use the garden’s tools, please clean and return them to the Community Garden Tool Shed when done.
* Herbicides (weed killers) are not permitted and non-organic pesticides are discouraged. Keep approved pest-control products and containers away from children.
* Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw, and hay are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Please do not use wood chips as mulch, as they do not biodegrade quickly. Black plastic is allowed, but must be removed at the end of the season.
* Fencing and netting to control animals and bird pests are authorized. Please seek approval from JBAB MWR before constructing or placing these barriers.
* Aggressive plants including mint, catnip, Jerusalem artichokes, comfrey or raspberries are not allowed in the Community Garden.
* Please keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbor’s plants.
* Keep vines within the borders of your plot and out of neighboring plots.
* Picking from your neighbor’s garden, even if you think they have neglected their plot, is not allowed.
* The JBAB Community Garden is not available for commercial use; don’t sell your produce.
* Keep plot boundaries weeded and trash-free. All pathways are jointly owned, you are responsible to care for the pathway between you and your neighbor. Keep plot edges and fencing free of weeds that will go to seed.
* Compost made from leaves is encouraged as mulch for your garden. You can also pick up compost, free in small quantities or a small fee for a pickup truck load, from local sources.
* Please do not add cooked kitchen scraps to the plant refuse piles because they are likely to draw animals.
* Stakes that mark your plot’s corners and have your plot number and name must be left in place all season.
* Pets are not allowed in-side fenced area of JBAB Community Garden.
* Please park in the park parking lot and refrain from driving into the grass area around the Community Garden and on the park grounds.
* No planting of illegal plants.