

## **Zion Canyon Community Garden (ZCCG) 2010 Gardening Guidelines**

**What to grow:** Vegetables, herbs, flowers, and small fruit plants for home consumption, sales at the Farmers Market, or donation. It is not acceptable to allow quantities of produce to rot. No large structures, or large collection of non-plant items are allowed within the plots.

**Gardening Approaches:** Gardeners are encouraged to use organic gardening methods as much as possible. Gardeners shall not use pesticides or fertilizers that may cause harm to patrons of the garden or adjacent park or to plants, the tennis courts and other property in the park.

**Plot maintenance:** Regular maintenance is required. Plot borders will be 11' x 10' or 11' x 20' so as not to encroach on pathways. Diseased or pest-infested plants should be removed. Ongoing control is required of pest grasses and weeds that can spread into pathways and neighboring plots through seed dispersal or root growth. If a gardener fails to comply, he/she will be contacted and given two (2) weeks to comply. If not in compliance at the end of this period, the gardener will be notified of the immediate forfeiture of their plot.

**Pathway maintenance:** Pathways between plots and around the garden will be covered with gravel or wood chips and should be clear. Gardeners need to maintain (including weeding/mulching) the pathways around their plots. Personal gardening tools/equipment should be stored in your plot or in the shed or common storage area, not in the pathways. Vegetation from plots should not hang into pathways. (NOTE: pathway maintenance around your plot is not considered as part of volunteer time commitment.)

**Tools:** Gardeners must maintain and clean cooperative tools after use. Tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage shed and left in an orderly manner. Tools broken through negligence must be replaced by the gardener. Supply your own personal tools. These should be clearly marked with your name and can be stored in the storage shed.

**Watering:** Each plot has a hose bib. Renters are responsible for supplying their own watering system. Watering times will follow the current Town irrigation schedule (attached). Town staff will coordinate park irrigation to provide some pump pressure for the Garden. Times when pressure is available will be posted at the Garden.

**Pets/children:** Pets and young children are welcome but should be under supervision at all times within the gardens and kept out of others' gardens. Please clean up after your pets.

**Security:** Access to the gardens is through the main gate. The lock combination is \_\_\_\_\_. Be sure that the tool shed and main gate are locked if you are the last one leaving. Please leave the locks set with the numbers reading right way up.

**Participation/volunteer time:** Our monthly business meeting/potluck supper is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 6:30 pm on the Canyon Community Center grounds. Gardeners are encouraged to attend; your input adds to the success of the gardening community. Group workdays are scheduled about once a month and gardeners are encouraged to contribute their time then. If you cannot be at the scheduled workday, contact the grounds or workday coordinator (see roster) or see posted list of tasks that need to be done. As needed, each plot holder will contribute 2 hours of community volunteer time per month/per 11'x10' plot rented for the maintenance and development of the common areas and to record the hours in the volunteer log. Recording volunteer hours is important for applying for any grants we may request in the future.

**Compost:** Plots have been amended with organic material. A compost bin is available for plot renters. Please add organic materials from your plot in accordance with the attached Compost Guide. If you have questions about compost or composting, contact the compost coordinator.

**Communication:** Email addresses and phone numbers will be shared with all gardeners. Please feel free to share your ideas and concerns with everyone.

**Garden Season:** The garden season runs from January through December each year.

**Cost:** The plots range in size and cost as follows:

- 1) 11' x 10' = \$30/year
- 2) 11' x 20' = \$50/year

The fee covers the plot, water, and use of facilities and equipment. The fee will be non-refundable after you have broken ground on your plot.

A \$50 deposit will be required with your application. If you should need to stop using the plot, the deposit will be refunded after you have cleaned your plot and it is found acceptable by the Garden Committee for another renter.