



LUSCHER FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN 2017 PROGRAM & GUIDELINE AGREEMENT

- 1. Orientation Meetings** - Orientation meetings are optional for returning gardeners, required for new gardeners. However, this is a good opportunity to meet city staff, your fellow gardeners and get organized!
- 2. Communication is key**- Please let the Garden Coordinator know if you have questions or concerns about the community garden program guidelines. Gardeners are expected to use courteous and respectful language in all communications.
- 3. The Community Garden Program is Organic Only**- Pesticides (herbicides, fungicides and insecticides) that are made from synthetic materials are not allowed. Chemical fertilizers and non-organic slug bait are not permitted. Only materials labeled organic are allowed.
- 4. Respecting Others**- Wandering through or picking from a plot not assigned to you is strictly prohibited. Please respect other's rights to garden as desired, even when a garden appears to be neglected. Watering cans, sticks, and tools, etc. in another's garden should not be used without permission.
- 5. Shading Others**- Plan your garden in such a way that your neighbors will receive sunshine. You may need to place trellises, garden art, and tall plants like corn, sunflowers, and pole beans in the center of your plot.
- 6. Your Garden Plot**- Keep your plot number in plain sight. Your plot must be 75% planted by May 30th or it will be reassigned to a new gardener. Plants should be confined to your own plot without encroaching into the pathways. Potentially invasive plants such as fennel, Jerusalem artichokes, morning glories, mint or any plants that have invasive growth habits should not be planted. Weeds must be removed before seeds form to prevent spreading throughout the plots. Gardeners who have weedy or untended plots will be notified in writing.
- 7. Community Garden Volunteer Hours**- Plot holders are required to spend a minimum of 4 hours per year on farm projects. This work is meant to help maintain the common areas and enhance community connections. These hours must be completed before October 15th.
- 8. Hoses and Watering**- When moving hoses, make sure you don't damage plants by dragging them through or around your neighbor's plot. Gardeners who have installed a timed watering system must share one faucet and leave the other faucet connection available for hand watering. Gardeners with timers should do their watering before 10am or after 6pm. Bury hoses on automatic systems so no one trips over them. Water is turned off for the winter between the dates of November 15th and March 15th.
- 9. Closely supervise your children**- Luscher provides a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about gardening and be part of a special community. Please share these rules with your children. Encourage and model respectful behavior toward neighbors and their garden plots. Don't allow children to wander around alone and pick things from the plots of others.



- 10. Dogs are not allowed in the garden-** If you do bring your dog to the farm, keep it on a leash and in the parking area only. Use available bags for dog waste and put it in the dumpster.
- 11. Tool shed and tool maintenance-** You will find most tools needed in the tool shed. Remember to clean tools and wheelbarrows before returning them. Keep the tool shed tidy and the tools available for others to use. Individual garden sheds are not allowed in the community garden.
- 12. Each gardener is responsible for maintaining the pathways adjacent to their own garden plot-** Throughout the season you will need to pull weeds and sheet mulch the paths around your garden. Please don't leave pulled weeds and other debris in the pathways. For safety purposes, paths should be level, weed free and clear of obstacles.
- 13. Composting-** There are two communal compost areas. One is a bin located near the pump house and the other at the north end of the garden. Put only non-invasive plant materials in the compost pile. Use the dumpster for trash and invasive weeds.
- 14. Driving safely-** Posted speed is 5 miles per hour. Parking can be tight when there is a lot of activity going on, so park in a way that allows room for others. DO NOT drive beyond the parking area. Please make note of dates where walk-in use only is permitted, and park off-site as requested.
- 15. Luscher Farm's hours** are daily from dawn to dusk.
- 16. Fall cleanup November 15th.** Have your plot weed free, planted and/or covered for winter by this date. If you decide that you will not be continuing, let the Garden Coordinator know. Please leave your plot in the same or better condition that you received it in.
- 17. Non-Compliance-** Staff regularly monitors plots throughout the year. When a garden is non-compliant, notification is sent describing the problem. Action is required by a specified date. A gardener who receives three written notices must vacate the plot and the plot will be reassigned without a refund. The City of Lake Oswego reserves the right to reassign plots at its own discretion.

Thank you for your efforts in adhering to the terms of this agreement and making Luscher Farm a great place to garden. Community Gardens are a place to work together and share pleasant experiences. Questions? Please contact Dawn Grunwald, Farm Coordinator, info listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

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