



Woodmen Heights Metropolitan District
c/o Walker Schooler District Managers
614 North Tejon St
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Trails at Forest Meadows Community Garden **Rules, Regulations, and Policies**

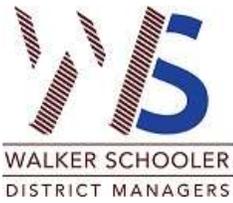
Welcome to the 2018 growing season! We are excited to have you join us this year. Below are the Community Garden Rules, Regulations, and Policies which have been established to ensure all gardeners have the opportunity for a successful and enjoyable gardening experience. All Gardener's will abide by the following rules, regulations and policies:

1. The lock combinations given below will not be shared or spread to any other persons that are not registered to have a plot within the Trails at Forest Meadows community Garden.
 - a. North Gate Code 1: ****
 - b. South Gate Code 2: ****
2. Each Gardener will use the garden at the sole discretion of Trails at Forest Meadows Community Garden.
3. The fee to register for your plot will be due upon registration for your plot. The latest to register for a plot is **June 1st** each year. This is flexible depending on the individual situations.
4. Each gardener is responsible to tend to their garden and must not leave it fallow or unused for a period of 3 weeks or longer.
5. No gardener is allowed to expand beyond their garden plot that they have registered for or utilize any portion of the neighboring gardens.
6. Anything brought into the Trails at Forest Meadows Community Garden that does not belong will be not be left in the garden area, like household trash. The following will be disposed of properly in designated bins/ areas:
 - a. Dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts.
7. Any Gardener that registers for more than 1 plot a year will have to give up any additional plots at the end of this gardening year for any of those on a wait list.
8. Please do not leave the garden when the water is on, only water your plot according to water-wise guidelines (if more water is used than the recommended amount of water, each the individual may be subject to additional fees to cover the cost of water).
9. No food or plants may be taken from any other neighboring gardens and placed into another.
10. Garden beds and plot areas, including pathways, must be kept tidy and free of weeds. One-half of the pathways on each side of a gardener's plot area is their responsibility.



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- If a plot is next to a fence, the entire distance to the fence is that gardener's responsibility. Weeds over 6 inches tall are not allowed and may result in the gardener forfeiting their garden plot with no reimbursement. Remember, it is best to weed for a few minutes each time you visit the garden. Small weeds are quite easy to rake or pull.
11. Children and visitors must be accompanied by a garden member. The garden member is responsible for the conduct of their guests. Also, if you see someone in the garden whom you do not recognize, ask them their name and if they garden there. If they are not a member gardener, then let them know this is a private garden and they can contact us if they are interested in a plot. If you feel threatened by any visitors, please do not contact them and get to a safe place immediately. You may wish to report the incident to the police.
 12. Pets are not permitted in the garden. You may leash your dog to the outside fence while you garden.
 13. Garden members must secure and lock the garden gate upon exiting the garden.
 14. Herbicides (weed and plant killers) are absolutely banned in the garden.
 15. These, and only these, organic pesticides (bug killers) are approved for garden use but please follow instructions and use only on calm days so the product will not drift into other garden beds. Also, it is recommended that these products be used sparingly. Good, rich, soil and healthy plants are your best defense against pests. **Approved organic pesticides:** Neem Oil, Spinosad, Pyrethrum, Insecticidal Soap, Bt (Bacillus Thuringiensis), Diatomaceous Earth, hot pepper spray, garlic spray, copper octanoate, sulfur, and orange oil. These may have a different brand name, so check the label carefully for ingredients. Any doubt? Contact your community garden coordinator.
 16. Garden beds must be cleared down to bare soil by October 31st. Gardeners are responsible for removing and disposing of their own garden refuse off-site. Winter mulch of straw, leaves and/or hay is allowed after summer debris is removed. Perennials are allowed to stay throughout the winter.
 17. The use of tobacco, alcohol and illegal drugs within the garden is strictly prohibited, as is the growing of marijuana or any illegal or controlled substance.
 18. Gardeners may not transfer their plot to another individual. If a gardener is unable to maintain their plot for any reason, the Community Garden Coordinator should be notified as soon as possible.
 19. If you are assigned a plot and have not started to garden by June 1 of each year, your plot will be reassigned. If we cannot assign your plot, then we reserve the right to retain your annual payment.



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20. Gardeners may compost in their own plots if it does not smell and is not messy. At the end of each season, gardeners can choose to turn the compost into the soil or remove it from the garden site.

Your assigned plot is: _____

The Woodmen Heights Metropolitan District is the highest governing authority at the Trails at Forest Meadows Community Garden. Breaking any rules, regulations, and/ or policies is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plot.

1. You will receive a verbal warning from the Garden Manager.
2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice two weeks later.
3. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot two weeks later.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after 1 year, and only at the discretion of the garden manager.

NOTE: If you run into an unforeseen personal circumstance or emergency that makes it difficult to maintain your garden responsibilities, please inform your community garden coordinator as soon as possible. We are here to help!

**DISREGARD for the Garden Rules
will result in immediate removal from the garden
with no reimbursement.**

**Any Questions or concerns will be directed to Woodmen Heights
Metropolitan District Managers at (719) 447-1777, open Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm. You may visit the website at
www.colorado.gov/woodmenheightsmetro for general questions and concerns.**