

### **2010 Conservancy Place Community Garden Rules**

Listed below are some of the rules created for the Conservancy Place gardens

The garden should be a safe place for the community, children, and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden area.

Ensuring enjoyable gardening experience for all of the gardening community is the primary goal of these rules and responsibilities. For this reason, observe the rules of the garden, and be a good neighbor.

The garden's coordinator and steering committee has the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions for the gardens. They have authority to resolve conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener or dismissing a current gardener.

Plots will be tilled to a final grade by May 1st. Closing date will be November 1. The coordinator will give the actual plot availability date.

There will be a map showing where the plots are located.

Stakes that mark your plot's corners and have your plot number and name must be left in place all season.

Plots will be approximately 20' x 20'. One half plot will be approximately 10' x 10'.

Teach your children to respect others' plots and not waste water.

Unresolved issues or disputes between gardeners will be referred to the coordinator.

There will be water available in a tank on a trailer at the garden site.

Each person must apply each year for a plot. Don't plan on the same plot location for following year. The garden location may change from year to year, remaining on CP grounds, depending on development needs.

You are responsible for your own plot.

If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or coordinator for help with weeding and harvesting.

Generally visit your plot at least once each week.

If you decide not to use your plot, please contact the coordinator so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by June 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be reassigned. There are no refunds on plot fees paid.

If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After two weeks of no action, your plot may be mowed and reassigned.

Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw and hay are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Remove any non-organic mulch by closing day, November 1<sup>st</sup>. No wood chips as mulch. They do not biodegrade quickly. Black plastic is allowed but must be removed at the end of the season.

Please do not plant mint, catnip, Jerusalem artichokes, comfrey or raspberries.

Please do not put up any brightly colored fencing (for instance orange plastic construction or wire) around your plot that might cause injury to children.

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 and visitors out of neighboring plots.

If you have a surplus of vegetables or fruit to donate, please contact the coordinator.

Do not pick from your neighbor's garden even if you think they have neglected their plot.

Keep plot boundaries weeded and trash-free.

Weeds and diseased plants should be put in plant refuse piles-not on the compost pile.

Plant refuse piles are set up for weeds and diseased plants. Please use these designated areas. No trash in these piles, please. Please do not add kitchen scraps to the plant refuse piles because they are likely to draw animals.

Be aware deer may be present within the garden area.

Pack your trash back home to dispose of properly.

Herbicides (weed killers) and pesticides are discouraged. Keep pest-control products and containers away from children. Dane County Extension at 224-3700 can give safe pests control advice.

No pets in the garden.

Do not drive into the garden area.

All plant refuse, non-organic mulch, string, wood, wire supports and rocks are to be removed by November 1.