City of Burien Community Garden Program

Garden Address: 437 SW 144th Street, Burien, WA 98166 **Email:** parksinfo@burienwa.gov
Community Center Business Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9 AM – 7 PM, Friday: 9 AM – 5 PM **Phone:** (206) 988-3700

Community Garden Policies

These policies are designed to help the City of Burien Community Garden Program run smoothly for all; we appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that make this a successful program.
Gardeners who do not comply with these policies, after a warning, will lose their plot without a refund.

1. Gardeners must be at least 18 years old and a Burien resident.
2. All plots are rented for one (1) year beginning April 1 of the current year and ending on March 31 of the following year (April 1-March 31).
    - *Summer season:* April 1-October 31
    - *Winter season:* November 1-March 31
        - Those choosing not to garden during the Winter season **must** clean up and remove all materials from their plots **by October 31**.
        - Gardeners who fail to adequately clean out their plots may not be eligible to participate in the program in the future.
        - Water at the Community Garden will be turned off during winter months.
3. All Gardeners must complete eight (8) hours of volunteer service annually to the community garden common areas. Service hours must be reported by contacting the Community Center.
    - Examples of volunteer service can include: litter pick up, weeding of the walkways, compost turning, etc.
4. Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, end of season clean up, and all other care of their plots.
    - Gardeners must keep plots relatively free of weeds, especially when weeds are seeding, to avoid spreading them to other plots.
5. The City of Burien Community Garden Program is an organic gardening program.
6. Place Community Garden plant materials in the designated compost areas. Use Recology yard waste bins for weeds.
7. There will be no on-site garbage collection. All garbage, unused plant containers, and debris must be removed from the Community Garden by the Gardeners.
8. Gardeners will have access to the water spigot key, hoses, and green house garage. The green house garage includes a restroom, storage, and temporary shelter from weather.
9. Gardeners must be present at their plots while watering them. Please conserve water as much as possible, and minimize use of sprinklers, especially between 10am – 6pm.

Allowed

- The recreational/personal use of a Community Garden plot to grow produce and/or flowers.
- The use of fully composted chicken or steer manures for fertilizer.
- The use of small tillers.

Not Allowed/Prohibited

- Using a Community Garden plot for commercial use.
- Plants on the WA State Noxious Weed List.
- Planting wildflowers, trees, or shrubs.
- Use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides made from synthetic materials.
- Use of chemical fertilizers.
- Use of motorized vehicles and/or equipment.
- Leaving any irrigation on while unattended: drip irrigation, soaker hoses, etc.