

Guidelines 2020 - Hale Community Gardens

1. Work or plant plot by May 15, unworked plots will be reassigned.
2. All plots must be kept neat and clean. No trash or open standing water should remain in plots. Weeds must be kept under control and plant litter should be removed or actively composted.
3. Please keep garden pathways inside and adjacent to garden plots safe, clear of weeds, and free of obstacles. Be sure all plots have wheelbarrow access to them.
4. Plots should be cleaned up for the winter season. Take home personal items – gloves, watering cans, tools that will deteriorate if left out unused in the weather.
5. Gardeners must harvest their produce. Make arrangements for your produce to be harvested if you go out of town to ensure food is not wasted. Consider the Interfaith Food Pantry or contact Arlean if you would like to “share your spare” lambertarlean@gmail.com
6. Use best gardening practices for soil health – mulching, crop rotation and cover cropping are highly encouraged. Soil health is paramount. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCVzNuYOIDE>
7. Water responsibly. Treat hoses carefully. Report water leaks to garden leadership blacksburgcommunitygardens@gmail.com. Water supply is limited.
8. Organic methods only. NO synthetic chemicals including; pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, weed killers, and fertilizers.
9. Gardeners must commit to one day of garden service to the collective garden each season, as ability permits.
10. There is no garbage service. Please take all of your trash home.
11. Closely supervise your children; help them learn respect for gardening and boundaries. Children using tools in the garden must be under direct and constant supervision of a parent or responsible adult. “Direct” means to be within sight and voice distance.
12. Do not take produce from other garden spaces without permission.
13. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors, and ENJOY gardening.