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Indiana Community Garden Policies and Guidelines

Garden rules are an excellent way to ensure everyone understands how the garden will operate and what is expected of each Gardener. The following are the rules for individual plots in the Indiana Community Garden.

1. Each Gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot, including watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden-related tasks. Gardeners may arrange for others to maintain their plots.
2. Basic garden tools are stored in our tool shed and are available for your use. Garden tools must be cleaned before being returned to the shed.
3. Water is available through the rain barrel collection system and the water pump.
4. Each gardener must complete a Release of Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.
5. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the Gardener's responsibility to notify ICG if he or she is not able to care for their plot. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment.
6. When caring for your garden, green practices are expected. Any types of herbicides or pesticides are not allowed.
7. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, on the availability of plots.

8. There are two options for the garden fee:

Option 1: Upon registration, plot owners can choose to volunteer for certain tasks to help with general garden maintenance during the season and pay a \$30 fee. All produce from the community plots is available to volunteers.

Option 2: Upon registration, the plot owner can opt not to participate in a volunteer task and pay a \$50 fee.

9. A Google sign-up sheet will be used to track volunteer hours and tasks. If the required number of volunteer hours is not completed, the plot owner will be expected to pay an additional \$20 before the end of the season.

10. The plot fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.
11. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and preferably all added structures. Amending the soil at that time is also required
12. Gardeners may add decorations/support stakes/netting or needed materials in their own areas.
13. All Gardeners must follow the rules of Mack Park.
14. The ICG team is responsible for ensuring that the garden policies and guidelines are followed.
15. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to share the community gardening experience with friends and family and attend some events happening in the community garden.