

Garden of Grace Community Garden Community Garden Health and Safety Policy 2012

This safety policy is intended to demonstrate that the Garden of Grace Community Garden recognizes our responsibility to conduct our gardening activities in a reasonable manner and to maintain reasonably healthy and safe conditions in the Garden of Grace Community Garden.

For the purposes of this policy, any reference to GGCG, "the garden" or "garden site" means the general boundaries of the garden.

1. Adult gardeners are responsible for their own safety. Children of gardeners are expected to be under the control of their parent(s) or guardian(s) when at the garden site. Do not allow children to run around in the garden or near the bee hives.
2. If you see a hazard, unsafe condition, or situation that could result in injury or ill health, take appropriate action. Eliminate the hazard or unsafe condition only if you are able to do so safely and are comfortable taking the action to correct the hazard or unsafe condition. Otherwise, notify the garden coordinator as soon as possible.
3. Roto tillers, lawn mowers, power weed trimmers, wood chippers, and chain saws, or other power equipment will be operated in the garden only by individuals over the age 16, who own the equipment or have themselves rented the equipment. These individuals use this equipment at their own risk.
4. The use of chemical herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizer is allowed only with the consent of the garden coordinator. There must be strict adherence pertaining to the safety precautions and use of these products. Our goal is to be as organic as possible with the garden. These chemical products may not be stored at the community garden.
5. Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid being at the garden alone. Avoid secluded areas with high vegetation. If individuals or groups of people taunt, harass, or seem threatening, leave the situation immediately.
 - * For life threatening or other significant incidents call 911 immediately. Also, call the garden coordinator.
 - * For minor, non emergency incidents gardeners can notify _____ Also contact the garden coordinator as soon as possible.
6. Do not leave personal garden tools at the garden site. They should be taken home each time you leave.
7. No fires or fireworks will be used at the garden site.
8. Drugs and alcohol will not be consumed on the garden site.
9. Urination and defecation on the open ground is not allowed. Gardeners have permission to use the portable toilets located at the garden site.
10. Gardeners agree to hold harmless the GGCG volunteer organizers, work leaders, their partnering organizations and their employees, board members, officers, volunteers, land owners, and other persons garden plot from any liability, damage, loss, injury, or claim in connection or association with the Garden of Grace Community Garden.

Signed: _____

Date: _____