



IDA LEE PARK

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT RULES – 2020

1. The Town has provided a 7.5' tall deer fence encompassing all plots. You may install your own fence around the perimeter of your plot, but it may be no more than 24" tall.
2. All supports should be made of wood, metal and composite materials. Supports cannot exceed 60" in height, this will be enforced.
3. **Plots that have not been used by May 15th** may be re-assigned to someone else. There will be no refunds. **If you wish to give up your plot, please contact the Parks Manager as soon as possible so it can be assigned to the next person on the waitlist.**
4. Gardeners agree to hold the Town of Leesburg harmless for any and all liability which may be incurred by themselves or third parties as a result of the use of premises. **The registrant accepts the risk of potential theft and damage by animals.**
5. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Town reserves the right to relocate or remove plots at the end of the season.
6. Weather permitting, the gardening season will begin April 1st, **but only after the stakes have been placed and numbered. Plots are closed on November 1st.**
7. During certain special events; i.e., Fourth of July Celebration, areas of the park may be closed to normal use and the garden plots may not be accessible.
8. **Gardeners must remove all debris, stakes, fencing, plastic, tools, dead plants, etc., from the plots prior to November 1st.** The town will dispose of any material remaining after November 1st. If material is not removed, the participant will not be permitted to register the following season.
9. **Weeds must be kept below 12". If weeds exceed 12", the plot owner will be notified. If weeds reach a height of 18", the participant's use of the plot will be terminated immediately. Produce will become the property of the Town and the plot will be mowed. Participant will be notified by mail that such action has taken place and will not be permitted to register the following season.** It cannot be stressed enough the importance of harvesting produce as it ripens and keeping weeds under control so as not to interfere with other gardens by harboring vermin and shedding weed seeds. If for some reason you will not be able to maintain your garden, you are responsible for making arrangements with someone to maintain your plot. The area Food Bank accepts vegetables.

10. Leaving personal property at your assigned plot is discouraged; i.e., gardening tools, rotor tillers, etc. There are garden carts available for your use next to the recycle bins. Please make sure it is clean and returned for the next gardener to use.
11. No fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellents should be used in a manner that will affect adjacent garden areas. Use of pesticides must conform to current recommendations of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service as outlined in Publication 456-002 "*Chemical Controls of Plant Diseases, Weeds and Insects for Home Vegetable Gardens*". For a copy call the Loudoun County Cooperative Extension office at 703-777-0373.
12. For maintenance purposes (i.e., grass cutting), the perimeter and aisles of the plots must be kept clear of debris; i.e., rocks and refuse. Debris in aisles will be put back in adjacent plot.
13. Do not cultivate beyond the aisle stakes so the established width of the aisle can be maintained.
14. **The use of non-bio-degradable black plastic will not be permitted for weed control.** You may use fabric, leaves, grass clippings, straw, newspaper and other bio-degradable materials and/or straw to help with weed control and help keep moisture in the ground, but the fabric must be removed by November 1st. Also, please use bio-degradable stakes only when installing fabric, no rebar or metal landscape pins.
15. **Debris must be disposed of in the bins located on the north side of the garden plots.** Please separate the biodegradable materials, wood, plastic, and metal using the appropriate bin. **Do not use trash cans for garden debris.**
16. Be considerate of your neighbors. It is recommended not to plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with neighboring plots.
17. **Please limit water use to 15 minutes when others are waiting.** Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify the Parks Manager of any leaks in the water line. Make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden. **Keep hoses neatly rolled up on provided hangers.**
18. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the Parks Manager immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces.
19. Keep gates to the garden closed at all times.
20. Participants must abide by all Park Rules and Town Code.

For more information regarding Community Garden Plots, please contact the Parks Manager: Jon Cleaves @ 703-737-7147 or email @ jcleaves@leesburgva.gov.