



POTTER COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES

Welcome to the Potter County Community Garden (PCCG)! Please read the statements below. By signing our “Garden Plot Registration,” you are agreeing to the guidelines that have been established by the PCCG.

- I will use common courtesy and respect others working in the garden.
- I will care for my garden plot at least once a week. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given one (1) weeks’ notice to clean it up. After that time, I understand the plot will be re-assigned or tilled and any food will be donated to an area food pantry.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Potter County Garden (814) 274-8290 ext. 201 or by email at potter-county-community-garden@googlegroups.com.
- I will contact a fellow gardener or The Potter County Community Garden if I will be out of town for an extended period. I will also contact someone if I plan to discontinue use of my space so that others may have the opportunity to garden.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot. I agree to not use landscape fabric or chemical sprays.
- Only approved weed and pest controls can be used in the community garden. Please reference the current approved list of organic, biostimulant, and homemade options posted on the PCCG bulletin board.
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will stake or vertically net all vines in my plot with the supplies provided to keep them from spilling out of the box and into mowing paths. I understand that the garden manager may trim or remove dead leaves and plants from my box.
- I will practice strict water conservation. When finished watering for the day, I will return watering cans, or other tools used to the “Sharing Shed” and make sure they are secure. I will also ensure the hose is properly stored on the winding reel.
- I am encouraged to participate in garden meetings, work parties, and/or any educational workshops or events offered through the PCCG (see bulletin board). This is a great way to get to meet other gardeners while learning new gardening techniques.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots. *Planting illegal plants is prohibited.*
- I may harvest only from my garden plot unless given explicit permission by another plot user. I understand any excess produce may be placed in the market shed to be given away to the public.
- I will NOT bring pets to the garden.

- I will NOT smoke, vape, or use chewing tobacco in the garden area. Drugs (including alcohol) are strictly prohibited. Radios, boom boxes, and fires are not allowed.
- I will NOT allow standing water on my garden plot or common area.
- I agree to use my own gardening tools. If I am unable to provide my own tools, I know I can borrow tools from the “Sharing Shed” and I will treat them as if they are my own (cleaning the tools and returning them to the shed). A combination will be provided if I need to borrow tools. I agree not to share the combination with anyone. Failure to do so could result in forfeiting my plot.
- I agree to abide by the stated hours for working in the garden (dawn to dusk). I will consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby if it makes me feel more comfortable.
- Children are encouraged to participate in the garden *under adult supervision*. All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- At the end of the growing season, I understand I must remove all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) and dispose of it properly. If my area is not cleaned up by the date posted on the PCCG bulletin board, I understand my gardening privileges for the next season may be removed.
- I should report theft, vandalism, and any unusual activities to the Potter County Community Garden contacts and the police.
- I understand that if any of the guidelines are violated, I will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, I may lose my gardening privileges for the remainder of the season.
- I understand that I must complete a “Waiver of Liability” form before any work in the garden can begin, releasing The Potter County Community Garden and the County of Potter of any liability.

Signature

Date

Written Name

Telephone Number

Guidelines are subject to change without notice.