

BMC Community Garden

Overview & Rules (2008/2009)

Community Garden Mission Statement

The Community Garden seeks to develop and expand available garden areas for growing, harvesting and eating of local foods to strengthen family and community health, emphasizing natural, organic and renewable gardening methods.

Community Garden Objectives (2009)

- Increase the number of raised beds available for gardening by 25% or more for each of the next 3 years.
- Involve more families with children in gardening activities.
- Increase garden produce donations to local food banks and senior centers when possible.
- Develop cooperative and collaborative efforts with other community agencies addressing food security.

Community Garden Requirements for Participation

The community garden hopes to serve interested gardeners who:

- Have no access to garden plot
- Live close to garden
- Have children who can be involved
- Live on limited income

Community Garden Rules for Participation

1. Pay a non-refundable household membership fee of \$5 for use of one raised bed, which fee will be applied to cover costs of supporting the garden, and whose funds disbursement useage will be decided upon by vote of at least 50% of garden bed members.

2. Participate actively as a member of smaller 3 to 4 adjacent raised bed "pod" members, and respective tires, to coordinate gardening needs by sharing my phone number/email address, taking turns to represent "pod" at agreed upon monthly meetings, and be considered for position of Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator.

3. Attend at least 75% of scheduled garden work days and assigned monthly coordination meetings as a "pod rep", if requested, and take care of respective bed and tires, and garden with watering, weeding, composting duties, etc. for season from April through early November, including clearing my plot at the end of the gardening season.

4. Abide by and support any decision made by a majority or more of the group.

5. Bring any problem to Coordinator for discussion and settlement by the whole group at next scheduled meeting, or handle as best as possible if urgent, and report back to the group.

6. Participate by donating whatever possible from own bed and tires, extra produce for local food bank and/or senior center.

7. Attend and participate at a year's end meeting with all gardeners to assess the positives and negatives of the season and offer suggestions for the next gardening year.

8. Notify Coordinator ASAP if unable to participate fully in above, understanding assigned bed made be taken back and given to another willing participant if necessary.

9. Personal Responsibility: "I agree to hold Oregon Rural Action, Eastern Oregon University, and their agents and employees, harmless for any and all liability for bodily harm, damages, or loss of any kind or nature arising from, or in any manner connected with, my participation in an Oregon Rural Action sponsored garden."