

Policy for Gardening at Treehill Condos

There is a garden off Poplar Court and an Herb Garden behind the daycare next to building 18. The rules will create a consistent guide for these types of gardens.

Garden Space

The Garden area is located at the corner of Treehill Dr. and Poplar Ct. The garden is open to any resident of Treehill Park who would like to build a bed at their expense, plant and maintain its surroundings providing the space is available. Below are the rules that govern The Garden. These rules ensure the garden beds are used for their intended purpose and that the area is safe.

Garden Manager(s)

A manager/coordinator will be assigned to oversee the operations of the garden. This position will be assigned by the Board of Treehill Park Board of Directors.

The manager will:

1. Approve placement of garden beds
2. Respond to garden bed plot requests
3. Assign new gardeners to an open plot or space to build
4. Remove derelict gardeners and/or plots
5. Make sure maintenance is carried out to maintain the general area
6. Observe maintenance of individual plot spaces
7. Contact plot gardener of any violations

Hour of Access:

The garden space is available to garden during daylight hours.

Who Can Garden

You must be a resident of Treehill Park Condos to request space or a plot. Garden space or plots are approved by the manager. If you would like to build or use a donated plot, please email the manager at Treehilliason@comcast.net and it will be forwarded to the garden manager. The garden manager will respond directly to the request.

Requests to build a garden bed, while space is available, must include the dimensions of the bed, the materials to be used, who will be performing the work and when it is to be completed by.

Once the bed has been approved, the gardener can proceed to build the bed during the time agreed to.

Crops are for personal use only, not for commercial use.

The Board will assign garden manager(s). Any requests should be approved by the Board via the garden manager.

Rules of the Garden

Each gardener is responsible for their plot space and surrounding area 10 inches from the sides of the bed. This means you must pull all weeds that are within that space and maintain your plants to also be in that space. Plants that encroach on others plots will need to be trimmed back and maintained. Plants that spill over the bed will need to be clear of the main walk area down the middle. Any plants that are outside the bed area and on the ground will be subject to potential damage. This could be by the hose that is used to water or getting stepped on.

Do not harvest or disturb other people's personal garden plots.

Vegetation waste is to be placed in the Yard Debris area located next to the visitor parking space for A-1 to pick-up each week and taken away.

Trash is to be disposed of by taking it to your unit. The garbage can at the end of the garden is for Dog Poo only.

Each tenant is responsible for the behavior and activities of anyone working in the plot (family, friends, contractors, etc.) – ALL must follow the Garden Rules.

Planting directly into the garden ground is prohibited. All plants must be contained to a garden bed or planter.

Weeds must be kept under control throughout the year.

Remove weeds from the floor of the plot.

Keep weeds off fences.

No plants on the Oregon Invasive Plant List, <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/watch-list> may be grown.

Other invasive plants may be prohibited at the discretion of the Garden Plot Coordinator.

Do not block off-road garden paths and aisle ways with structures, equipment, debris, or vehicles.

Do not idle vehicles in the pathways or near the plots.

All garden activity shall take place within the boundaries of the plot as delineated by the Garden Manager

Homeowners may be fined for violations after adequate notification of said violations.

Safety

Safety rules included but are not limited to: No physical or verbal behavior that's aggressive, intimidating, threatening, harassing or violent in any way.

No Smoking

No pets in garden

No non-organic fertilizer, pesticide, herbicide, or fungicide.

Use chemical controls as a last resort.

No restricted pesticide (pesticides requiring a permit for use) is permitted under any circumstances, even if the person is a licensed pesticide applicator.

For everyone's safety, No commercial, chemical or organic pesticides and NO fertilizers may be stored anywhere in the garden plot at any time, including locked storage bins.

Flamers or torches for weed control are NOT permitted due to the risk of fire and personal safety

Gardeners may not store excess lumber, fencing, or other materials not currently used for gardening at their plots for aesthetic and safety reasons

Gardeners must not erect any structures that the garden manager deems a hazard.

Garden at your own risk.

Treehill Park Condos are NOT responsible for theft, destruction, vandalism to your garden area.

There is motion sensitive lighting over the garden spaces as well as cameras that record 24/7 and reviewed when necessary.

Plot Fences

A garden fence is not required

Fences and other structures are to be kept in good condition: gates on hinges, posts and fence materials upright. No sharp, rusty wire or other protrusions that could cause injury.

No poured concrete, asphalt or other permanent anchor may be used.

Fences may be metal, rope or plastic mesh and must be maintained.

Fences may be used to trellis between plots of the same owner. Consult the garden manager if not sure.

Structures

Simple, non-permanent structures, such as trellises, raised beds and deck box containers are allowed. The gardener supplies the materials and labor for non-permanent structures. The following criteria apply to new and existing structures

Raised beds are permitted.

Wood is recommended for the bed edging, but not required.

Simple trellis structures are permitted if they do not shade other gardens.

DO NOT use poured concrete, asphalt, or permanent anchors for any structure.

Neither solid walls nor solid roofs are permitted on structures, including trellises.

Row covers are permitted. Anchor them securely to prevent blowing away (this is East County), and store them at your unit when not in use.

No cold frames or greenhouse-type structures are permitted.

A storage shelf resides in the garden for use of the garden tools. These tools are to be used in the garden only and not removed. Tools include a shovel, rake, clippers and wheelbarrow. You can also store your own tools on the shelf in a box provided by you. The box must fit on the shelf and not weigh more than 5 pounds.

Watering

Watering will be done daily by the manager or assigned garden member. Drip irrigation is encouraged and will be used to water your plot if provided by the bed owner and available.

Man-made ground covers such as plastic tarp, carpet, and artificial turf are prohibited.

Open, standing water is not permitted in plots at any time or in any form because it fosters the development of mosquitoes. Only bird baths may contain water.

The use of plastic as a ground cover, or any material on which water puddles, is not permitted.

Empty all containers and store them upside down. This applies to buckets, trash cans, wheelbarrows, and any item, large or small, where open water can collect.

Gardeners may not dig channels or create berms outside of their plots.

Water Conservation

We recommend using water conservation methods such as mulching and selecting plants that use less water. Earth-friendly and low-water gardening methods are encouraged. Soaker hoses are preferred over sprinklers, which result in evaporation of water that cannot be used by plant roots.

Managing Pests

There are many potential pests in the garden, such as weeds, insects, fungi, small mammals, etc. Most can be controlled using good gardening practices. We ask all gardeners to try these methods before applying chemical agents. Remember the garden plot community is like a crowded neighborhood. Your actions can affect everyone. See the Rules for specific guidance on pesticide use.

Choose plant varieties that are appropriate for our area and are resistant to pests.

Keep plants healthy by using compost for fertilizer and mulches to retain water. Overwatering can cause diseases to increase.

Remove insects by hand, such as caterpillars and beetles.

Clean up dead and diseased plants immediately. Place in the Yard Debris area for pick up.

Get ideas from your fellow gardeners, Master Gardeners, bulletin boards, books and magazines, and the Internet to help you resolve your pest problems safely. Small mammals, such as mice, moles, rabbits, squirrels, and groundhogs can be a problem. Barrier methods, such as fencing below the soil line and netting, may help protect your crops.

Garden Rule Violations

Gardeners who are not in compliance with the Garden Rules will:

- Receive a notice by email or phone from the Garden Manager
- Have 14 calendar days to correct the problem upon receipt of the notice
- If the problem(s) is/are not corrected or addressed within the allotted time frame, the garden plot may be reclaimed and reassigned. Receiving more than one notice of non-compliance in a single calendar year may result in the plot being reclaimed.

Bottom line, if you have a plot use it, keep your area cleaned up and harvest your food.

Herb Garden

The herb garden is a limited common element. It was established to grow herbs of all kinds in the space located at the end of building 18 and behind the daycare along the creek. It is maintained by volunteers who, plant, weed and maintain the space. Any Treehill resident may enjoy the use of the herbs.

Rules

This is a volunteer space. These volunteers are Treehill residents who plant, maintain, water this space.

Plant only herbs in this space.

No non-organic fertilizer, pesticide, herbicide, or fungicide may be used. This space is marked for no weed spray with A-1 as well

No plants on the Oregon Invasive Plant List, <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/watch-list> may be grown

Vegetation waste is to be placed in the Yard Debris area for A-1 to pick-up and take away.

Resident Use

Use only what herbs you need for your personal use.

No animals allowed with in the Herb Garden.

Walk carefully not to step on the plants.

Do not allow children to dig in, pull up or destroy plants in this space unless given permission.

An adult must accompany a child to plant in or pick herbs. This way the child can learn the proper way of gather herbs.

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Volunteers may report issues to Treehilliason@comcast.net . The Board will then be able to follow up with a resolution.

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