

Lewiston and Auburn Community Gardener Expectations 2024

What's offered:

- A space to grow food (most garden plots are 4'x10')
- Guidance on organic, chemical-free gardening
- Seeds and seedlings
- Access to water, tools and supplies
- Regular garden times plus workshops and events



Community gardeners agree:

- We will not touch other people's garden plots
*unless given **specific** permission by the gardener*
 - We will follow posted safety & sanitation guidelines
 - We will care for our plots, including:



* **Planting (by June 15)**

* **Weeding (both in and around plot)**

* **Harvesting and watering regularly**

* **Fall cleanup (by Oct 15, or if later, let coordinator know)**

- We will help with additional maintenance in shared areas monthly
- We will grow food organically: **NO CHEMICALS**, fertilizers, pesticides or weed repellents - before applying anything, even if labeled organic, we will consult with the garden coordinator for approval

- Similarly, we will notify coordinator **before** bringing any materials in; we will remove materials at the end of the season or get approval for them to stay over winter

* Stakes, trellising materials or decorations must not contain unsafe or toxic materials (examples: no pressure-treated wood, chipping paint, or sharp/rusty metal)

- We will not smoke, consume drugs or alcohol, or bring dogs into the garden

* Contact coordinator about service animals **before** bringing them along

- Any children must stay with us in the garden and are our responsibility
- ***We understand our plots will be reassigned if we create an unsafe environment for others, or if we cease maintaining our plots***

- We will notify coordinator of changes to our contact information
- **We will be kind and respectful to fellow gardeners and garden staff**

Community gardens are for everyone, including us, our families, and people with different identities, beliefs and practices. We will strive to:

- Acknowledge people's need to speak native languages with family and others in their community; recognize some don't speak or understand English
- Address people by their chosen names and preferred pronouns
- Be willing to have hard conversations and work through disagreements if they arise
- **Alert garden coordinator if at any time we feel unsafe or need help resolving an issue**

