



Bristol Community Garden Guidelines

☀️ **Visit your garden often in order to maintain it.** Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways well-cared for. Read the Dis-Invited Gardeners Policy for more details.

🌸 **SAFE, ORGANIC GARDENING ONLY.** Organic gardening involves 3 main principles: 1) Feed the soil by using compost or cover crops to add organic matter and nutrients. 2) Apply natural mulches [such as hay or straw] to suppress weeds, reduce water loss, and add organic matter to the soil. 3) Use natural, botanical and biological insect controls to avoid harming beneficial organisms and pollinators [Don't use synthetic pesticides, as they can have unwelcome side effects to plants, wildlife, and people]. **Miracle-Grow is not organic!** Organic insect controls include Bt [a bacterium], rotenone, pyrethrum, Neem, copper soaps, and various homemade remedies. Please use caution and read all instructions before applying any pesticide!

🌸 All Members will take part in at least 2 hours of **volunteer work** at the Community Gardens throughout the season.

☀️ The best time to **water your garden** for optimal water conservation is in the morning or evening. Water is likely to evaporate during the peak day hours.

☀️ **Pick up after yourself.** Return clean tools and hoses to the shed after use.

🌸 **Keep the lawn and paths free of rocks, weeds, and plant debris.** Bring all plant debris to the compost bins at the end of the garden. Bristol Community Garden compost bins are for member's community garden debris only.

🌸 Bristol Community Garden is not responsible for disposing of trash or debris at the garden site. Do not leave planting containers, trays, etc. in the garden area.

☀️ **Do not drive into the garden** unless you have permission. You can park across the street near the horse riding corral.

🌸 **No corn, large sunflowers, or pumpkins,** unless approved by Garden Site Coordinator [these plants tend to take up too much space and shade other people's plots]. If you grow vining plants, you are responsible to keep them within the boundaries of your plot.

If you have any questions or concerns,
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