

## **Vinton Community Garden (VCG) Rules and Regulations**

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
2. Tools will be made available for use during the regularly scheduled work time each week. A limited number of tools, hoses and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage bin for use during non-scheduled work times. Regularly scheduled work times will be posted on the garden bulletin board.
3. Each gardener will return all tools, hoses, and water equipment to their storage location.
4. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times.
5. Each gardener must complete a Waiver of Liability & Acknowledgement of Risk Form before any work in the garden can begin.
6. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment.
7. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to garden plots is prohibited. Likewise, we require only organic gardening take place (no inorganic fertilizers, please).
8. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first-come-first-serve basis. Preference for next year's plots will be given to this year's participants first.
9. Plot fees are due in full before the garden season begins.
10. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only.
11. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.
12. The VCG Coordination Team is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. The committee is made up of gardeners elected each year at the spring meeting.