

**RULES & REGULATIONS**  
Rose Roots Community Garden  
2017 SEASON

Rose Roots is a beautiful, organic community garden, orchard and collaborative environment that restores the bond between people, food and nature. We work with courage, inclusivity and artistic thinking to create a better local-food system and a fertile, abundant world for the children who follow us.

**As a member, I agree to:**

- Complete an application form, maintenance guidelines waiver, and pay the household membership, plot rental fee of \$75 for one 15' x 15' private garden plot or \$25 for one ADA plot.
- Plant my garden by June 1, maintain it with care, and put it to bed by October 31.
- Pick only crops from my own plot and my allotted portion of crops from common area plots that I help maintain.
- Contribute at least two service hours/month, a minimum of 12 hours a season, toward community gardening efforts. For example: maintaining pathways, sitting areas, and fence lines to keep the garden tidy; working in communal flower and herb beds; attend spring and fall environment days, etc. Working on your own plot will not be included in your 12 hours. The service hours will be tracked by each member online and failure to do these hours will result in non-renewal of your plot or a fine of \$80 to renew your plot the following year.
- Sign up for a composting crew. Four gardeners will be responsible per week during the season.
- Share my skills and know-how when situations arise for me to do so.
- Conserve water and remember to turn off the hoses.

**As a good citizen and steward of the Rose Roots Community Garden, I pledge to:**

- Control weeds in my plot, in order to avoid production of weed seeds.
- Maintain healthy soil and environment by practicing organic methods of using compost, mulch, cover crops, and reducing tillage when possible.
- Avoid using non-organic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides (see organic guidelines).
- Use natural materials in my garden, instead of plastics and other synthetics.
- Avoid planting genetically modified organisms.
- Share excess food with neighbors, food pantries, and shelters.
- Control rapidly spreading plants such as mint, lemon balm, and cane fruits by planting them only in pots or in designated communal plots.
- Be considerate of my neighboring gardeners when planting tall crops.
- Keep trash and litter out of the gardens and disposed of at home, as we are a "Leave No Trace" environment.
- Place only healthy organic material in the compost pile. Diseased plants should be taken home and placed in the trash.
- Do everything in my power to keep the garden space safe—i.e. put tools away and roll up water hoses when done using them and keep a close watch on young children.
- Never smoke in the garden, as it can transmit the tobacco mosaic virus onto plants.
- Be a responsible pet owner. Please keep pets on leashes and out of the garden.
- Be respectful neighbors by walking or riding when possible. If driving, park in designated lot or overflow lot at Meiklejohn Elementary. Avoid parking along Alkire Street or private driveway.