

# Grand Lakes Community Association

## Community Garden Guidelines

### PLOT USE AND MAINTENANCE

The community garden consists of 12 raised beds across from the Barn Park, on East Grand Star Circle.

Beds 1-6 are Open Planting/Open Picking beds. Any resident can plant and pick what has been planted. Residents may dabble, teach their kids, enjoy what others planted, etc.

Beds 7-12 are Reservation Beds. Only the resident who reserved the bed may plant and pick what has been planted. For more information or to reserve a bed visit [grandlakeslife.com](http://grandlakeslife.com).

What To Grow: Vegetables, herbs, flowers, and small fruit plants for home consumption.

### GARDEN RULES

The following rules apply to all beds. Note that the open beds may experience several gardeners caring for overlapping areas of the garden. Reserved beds are the responsibility of the assigned resident.

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Watering schedules have already been set up to irrigate automatically.
2. No tools will be available. Gardeners should plan to bring their own garden trowels, plant markers, etc
3. Children are welcome in the garden, but please supervise them so that plants are not inadvertently damaged.
4. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. If any *reserved* plot remains unattended for more than *three (3) weeks*, that plot is subject to reassignment.
5. The application of herbicides (weed killers) or any kind of pesticide (insect killer) to the garden plots are prohibited.
6. Gardeners may harvest from the open beds and, if applicable, from their own assigned reserved bed. They should not plant, weed, or harvest from any other member's reserved bed unless specifically invited to do so.
7. Plant only crops you have the time and skills to manage. Grand Lakes Community Garden suggest to follow the Vegetable Garden Planting Guide from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (available at [grandlakeslife.com](http://grandlakeslife.com)).
8. Do not remove or "plant over" what others have sowed in the open beds, unless in cases of diseased or infected crops. Sick plants should be removed from the garden and disposed of in the trash.
9. Please keep the walkway around the plots free of plant clippings and garden debris.
10. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as it was given.

### GARDENING COURTESY AND COMMUNICATION

Work together or next to each other in relative harmony. Please be courteous in all interactions. If you have any questions, suggestions, or complaints, please contact any member of the Grand Lakes Green Committee or email us at [grandlakesgreen@gmail.com](mailto:grandlakesgreen@gmail.com).