

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY PEA PATCH RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules are designed to help the garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that makes this a successful program. Occasionally staff works with individual gardeners who are having difficulty following the rules or meeting requirements for the program. Should this happen, there is a review process, written warning and, if the situation does not change, the plot(s) will be reassigned without a refund.

1. Gardner's must begin working in their assigned any day after they have registered with the church office. To maximize use of limited space, plots not worked by the second Saturday in May could be re-assigned.
2. The community Pea Patch Garden plots will go on winter schedule after Friday, October 22, 2010. At the end of the season, gardeners are required to remove all non-plant materials from their plots, including weed-block fabric, plastic pots, wire tomato cages, stakes, tools, etc. Gardner's who fail to adequately clean out their plots will not be reassigned to them the following year.
3. Slug bait is permitted only when used in enclosed containers, which must be removed from the site after use. Fully composted manures such as steer and chicken manure are allowed. For information on organic fertilizers and pest control, call the Master Gardner Hotline at 206-296-3440.
4. Gardeners will provide initial and season-end plowing and fall cover crop sowing on seasonal plots. Gardeners are responsible for additional cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, end-of-season clean up and all other care for their plots. Plants on the State's noxious Weed list are not allowed. See the web page at www.dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/weeds/index.htm.
5. Community Pea Patches are to be used for recreational gardening and for growing vegetables and flowers for personal or family use. Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial purposes is prohibited.
6. No illegal plants may be grown, including any plants listed by the Washington State Weed Control board as noxious weeds.
7. Place dead plant materials in the designated compost areas. Do not pile weeds and rocks in the pathways. Place bagged, non-plant materials next to compost bins for removal.
8. Gardeners must be present at their plots while watering them. Drip irrigation may not be left on unattended. Please conserve water as much as possible and minimize the use of sprinklers, especially between 10 am and 8 pm.
9. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please notify police by calling 911 and file a police report as well as with Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 360-659-2022. Due to the open nature of parks and garden sites, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is not responsible for the loss of garden products.
10. Motorized vehicles and equipment, with the exception of small rototillers, mowers and weed-whackers, are not allowed in the gardens.
11. Dogs, cats and other animals are NOT allowed in the garden at any time/
12. Smoking is prohibited in the garden. Research has shown that tobacco can transmit a virus to tomatoes.
13. Do not open any gates or enter animal areas at any time.