



## Rules and Gardener Obligations - 2017

*These rules are intended for all gardeners' to enjoy the gardening opportunities we have in Bismarck and the spaces that are provided by the Bismarck Park District.*

1. All gardeners are to be 18 years of age or older and must complete and sign a Community Garden Registration form, submit fees and receive plot(s) assignment before any gardening can begin.
2. Assignment of garden plots are awarded by registration only and with preference for each year's plots given to prior year's participants first. All open plots will be assigned after deadline for prior year returners.
3. Each gardener is responsible for the planting, maintenance, upkeep of their garden plot(s), harvesting their own plot(s), plot cleanup and any other garden related maintenance. Tall crops are not to be planted where they will shade neighboring plots.
4. Gardeners agree to have plot(s) planted by June 11, 2017 and keep maintained FOR THE SEASON. If plot(s) are not planted by June 11, the plot will be considered abandoned and subject to reassignment. No refunds will be made.
5. Tools are not provided by Bismarck Community Gardens. Hoses and watering faucets and some nozzles are available on site. To be assured of watering nozzles it is recommended that gardeners provide one for their use. After gardens will be tilled prior to the season by the Park District, gardeners at their own expense and equipment may till their plot(s) prior to planting.
6. Children and youth under 18 are welcome to participate in gardening but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all time.
7. It is recommended that dogs other pets are not brought to the gardens. If brought to the garden keep pets leashed at all times, under your control and always clean up after them, (Subject to Park District Ordinance) **Service animals are permitted.**
8. Each gardener must complete a signed Community Garden Registration form, submit fees and receive plot(s) assignment before any work in the garden can begin.
9. It is recommended that plots are cared for at least once a week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot will be considered abandoned and subject to tilling or reassignment for care.
10. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited.
11. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant materials, markers, decorations, fencing and stakes. All material remaining after closing date will be discarded. The Park District will till the gardens in the fall as final cleanup.
12. The Bismarck Community Gardens LLC is responsible for the operation of the gardens by lease with the Bismarck Park District and that the rules are followed at all times. Neither Bismarck Community Garden, L.L.C., nor the Bismarck Park District is responsible for gardener or their guest's actions.