

IDA LEE PARK

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT RULES

1. **The Town has provided a 7.5' tall deer fence encompassing all plots. You may install your own fence around the perimeter of your plot, but it may be not more than 5' tall.**
2. **All fencing or supports should be made of wood or recycled wood type products, be a natural or earth-tone color and cannot exceed 60" in height. This will be strictly enforced.** No fencing or other appurtenances or devices may interface with movement through an adjoining plot.
3. Plots that have not been used by May 15th may be re-assigned to someone else. There will be no refunds. **If you wish to give up your plot, please let us know so we can assign it to the next person on the waitlist.**
4. Gardeners agree to hold the Town of Leesburg harmless for any and all liability which may be incurred by themselves or third parties as a result of the use of premises. The registrant accepts the risk of potential theft or damage by animals.
5. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The town reserves the right to relocate or remove plots at the end of the season.
6. Weather permitting, the gardening season will begin April 1, but only **after the stakes have been placed and numbered.** Plots are closed on November 1.
7. During certain special events; i.e., Fourth of July Celebration, the park may be closed to normal use and the garden plots will not be accessible.
8. **Gardeners must remove all debris, stakes, fencing, plastic, tools, dead plants, etc., from the plots prior to November 1.** The town will dispose of any material remaining after November 1st. **If material is not removed, the participant will not be permitted to register the following season.**
9. Weeds must be kept below 12". If weeds exceed 12", the plot owner will be notified. **If weeds reach a height of 24", the participant's use of the plot will be terminated immediately. Produce will become the property of the town and the plot will be mowed. Participant will be notified by mail that such action has taken place and will not be permitted to register the following season.** It cannot be stressed enough the importance of harvesting produce as it ripens and keeping weeds under control so as not to interfere with other gardens by harboring vermin and shedding weed seeds. If for some reason you will not be able to maintain your garden, you are responsible for making arrangements with someone to maintain your plot.
10. No personal property; i.e., gardening tools, rotor tillers, etc., should be left at the plots. There are wheel barrows available for your use next to the barn. Please make sure it is clean and returned for the next gardener to use.

11. No fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellents should be used which will affect adjacent garden areas. Use of pesticides must conform to current recommendations of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service as outlined in Publication 456-002 "*Chemical Controls of Plant Diseases, Weeds and Insects for Home Vegetable Gardens*". For a copy call the Loudoun County Cooperative Extension office at (703) 777-0373.
12. For maintenance purposes (i.e., grass cutting), **the perimeter and aisles of the plots must be kept clear of debris; i.e., rocks and refuse.** Garden refuse and debris should be placed in designated areas. **Do not use trash cans for garden debris.** Debris in aisles will be put back in adjacent plot.
13. Do not cultivate beyond the aisle stakes so the established width of the aisle can be maintained.
14. **The use of newspaper and black plastic will not be permitted for weed control.** You may use fabric and/or straw to help with weed control and help keep moisture in the ground, but the fabric must be removed by November 1st. Also, please use wooden stakes only, no rebar or metal fence posts.
15. **Debris must be disposed of in the bins located on the north side of the garden plots.** Please separate the biodegradable materials, wood, plastic, and metal using the appropriate bin.
16. It is recommended not to plant pumpkin vines as plots are too small or tall sunflowers as they may shade your neighbors plot.
17. Please **limit water use to 15 minutes** when others are waiting. Do not run water unattended.
18. All park and police rules and regulations must be obeyed at all times.

For more information regarding Community Garden Plots, please contact the Parks & Grounds Supervisor at 703.737.7146 or e-mail parksmngr@leesburgva.gov.