

Byron Community Garden Rules

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- The garden should be a safe place for the community, children, and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden.
- The Byron Park Board has the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions for the garden
- Each person must apply each year for a plot, but returning Byron resident gardeners will be given first preferences and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish. Non Byron residents and second plots become available on or after June 1.
- You are responsible for your own plot and 8 hours of volunteer work (contributing to the upkeep of the whole garden).
- If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or the coordinator for help with weeding and harvesting. If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After one week of no action, your plot may be mowed and reassigned.
- Generally visit your plot at least once each week.
- If you decide not to use your plot, please contact the registrar so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by June 1, it will be reassigned. There are no refunds on plot fees paid.
- Use free compost to loosen area where you will plant or right where you will place seeds, not over the entire garden plot. If you purchase your own compost feel free to use however you wish.
- Only access your lot via walkways and/or the grass.
- Please do not put brightly-colored fencing or a fence over 30" tall (ex. Orange snow fencing) around your plot.
- Keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbor's plants.
- Keep vines and visitors out of neighboring plots.
- If you have a surplus of vegetables or fruits, please contact a nearby food pantry. Do not pick from your neighbor's garden even if you think they have neglected their plot.
- Keep plot boundaries weeded and trash free. If you are on a pathway, you are responsible to care for ½ of the pathway between you and your neighbor. Keep plot edges and fencing free of weeds that will go to seed. Don't put rocks and sticks in paths. Take them to the rock and stick areas.
- Compost bins are set-up for weeds from the community garden only. Tomato plants, corn and sunflower stalks should be taken home because they take too long to become compost. Do not bring grass clippings from home.

- Pack your trash up and take it home to dispose of properly.
- Stakes that mark your plot's corners and have your plot number and name must be left in place all season.
- Never use any herbicides (weed killers), and pesticides in the small plot area. Use sparingly in the large plot area. Keep pest-control products and containers away from children. County Extension can give safe pest-control advice.
- Do not drive into the garden area.
- All garden plots must be cleared by October 31.