

Byron Community Garden Rules

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- The community garden should be a safe place for the community, children, and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the community garden or anyone using the community garden.
- The City of Byron has the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions for the community garden.
- Each person intending to use the community garden must apply for a garden plot each year.
- Garden plots will be available for reservation on a first come first served basis to Byron residents who live within city limits beginning February 1st of each year. Payment must be made in full to reserve a garden plot. Only one (1) garden plot may be reserved per household prior to May 1st. Non-Byron residents, Byron residents who live outside Byron city limits, and second garden plots will become available on or after May 1st based upon availability.
- The waiting list for garden plots will be offered on a first come first served basis beginning May 1st based upon availability.
- You are responsible for your own garden plot as well as volunteer work (contributing to the upkeep of the community garden in its entirety).
- If you are unable to care for your garden plot for any period of time for any reason, 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 will be mowed and reassigned.
- Generally visit your garden plot at least once each week.
- If you decide not to use your garden plot, please contact the City of Byron so the garden plot may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by June 15, it will be reassigned. There are no refunds on any garden plot fees paid.
- The City of Byron does not supply compost. Please feel free to purchase compost for your garden plot.
- Garden plots must only be accessed via the pathways or the grass.
- Brightly-colored fencing or a fence over 30" tall (ex. orange snow fencing) is prohibited.
- Tall plants such as corn or sunflowers must be planted in the center of your garden plot so they do not shade your neighbor's plants.

- Vines and visitors must be kept out of neighboring garden plots.
- If you have a surplus of vegetables or fruits, please contact a nearby food pantry. Picking from a neighbor's garden plot is prohibited, even if you think their plot has been neglected.
- Garden plot boundaries, edges, and fencing must be kept free of weeds and trash. If you are on a pathway, you are responsible to care for ½ of the pathway between you and your neighbor. Do not place rocks or sticks on pathways. All rocks and sticks must be taken to their designated areas.
- Compost bins are set up for weeds from the community garden only. Tomato plants, corn stalks, and sunflower stalks should be taken home to be disposed of. These plants take too long to become compost. Grass clippings or other plants from home are not allowed in the community garden compost bins.
- All trash must be taken home to be disposed of properly.
- Stakes that mark garden plot corners and garden plot numbers must be left in place all season.
- Do not drive into the garden area.
- Garden plots must be kept weeded and tended.
- Gardeners must follow all land use and parking regulations.
- All garden plots must be cleared by October 31st.
- *Please check here to show that you have read and agree to abide by the Byron Community Garden Rules.*

Signature

Date