

## Mukilteo Community Garden P-Patch Policies and Guidelines

Welcome to the Mukilteo Community Garden 2017 growing season! Over several seasons of hosting P-Patch beds, we have put in place a set of policies and guidelines designed to enhance the Garden experience for all participating. If you have questions concerning any of these items, please contact a member of our P-Patch Team via email at [mukilteop-patch@hotmail.com](mailto:mukilteop-patch@hotmail.com)

### Bed Maintenance & Plot Use

- Maintain your garden neatly and with care from March through the end of February
- **Weed control on pathways and common work areas, belongs to everyone. Please maintain paths around your bed, pulling weeds or adding wood chips as needed.**
- When plots are unattended (overgrown, weed-infested, or not harvested) for more than 3 weeks, gardeners must contact the MCG Board through the website to determine if help is needed. Failure to contact us will result in reassignment of the bed. Fees will not be refunded.
- Use only *organic* fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides. Please contact a garden representative if you have questions about what you may or may not use in your plot.
- Rapidly spreading plants such as mint, lemon balm, and cane fruits (blackberries, raspberries), are not to be planted in beds. Prune strawberries to keep shoots from spreading outside of the beds.
- Be considerate of your neighboring gardeners when planting tall crops, and avoid shading other beds.
- Garden weeds and other plant waste should be placed in the green bin provided by the garden.
- Tires are not allowed on site (eg., planters)

### Volunteer Hours

All P-Patch participants are required to perform a minimum of 10 volunteer hours in the garden throughout the season. You are responsible for keeping track of your volunteer hours, including dates and the nature of the volunteer work. Report any hours that you do to [mcghours@gmail.com](mailto:mcghours@gmail.com). Please see the volunteer options in your packet. Volunteer hours do not include work or harvesting performed in your own bed.

### Health & Safety Issues and Common Courtesies

- Pick only crops from your own plot.
- Produce from your plot may not be sold. Excess food can be shared with neighbors, food pantries, shelters, etc. Special flags are available to place in your bed if you will be gone and wish to donate any ripe produce. During the harvest season, volunteers will collect flagged produce from all plots to be donated to local food banks.
- Conserve water and remember to turn off the hoses and replace them when you are done using them.
- Keep trash and litter out of the garden and dispose of at home.
- Contribute to keeping the garden a safe space; replace tools and coil hoses when you are done. Please remember to lock the gates and the tool shed.
- Children are welcome at the garden, but please supervise them at all times while you are in the garden.
- Smoking, vaping, and loud noises (eg., radios without headphones) are prohibited in the garden.
- The Port-A-Potty is for your convenience. Please be respectful to all who use it and keep it clean!