

4-H Community Garden Rules

1. Plot registration for 4-H members is February 5-19th. Open registration for any youth is February 20th until all plots are filled. All plots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Plots are available to youth and their families. Youth are defined as any person up to 18 years of age. The intended purpose of the garden is for youth to learn gardening, horticulture, landscaping and other outdoor education skills with the help of a caring adult. Up to two registered 4-H volunteers (adults) will be allowed to have plots in exchange for helping manage and upkeep the garden.
2. The garden area is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week.
3. Plots will be clearly marked with plot numbers.
4. We require that all members volunteer their time for general maintenance (especially adjacent walkways) to keep the garden site looking good. The use of the site is contingent on our ability to maintain it.
5. Please dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas.
6. Keep rocks out of our pathways and borders. They make maintenance impossible. Put them in the designated area.
7. Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with others. Keep insects and weeds under control. Your neighbor has the right to prune any plant that encroaches on their plot. Harvest only from your garden plot.
8. All plots will be inspected three times by Meade County 4-H/Extension staff. Users of plots that have not been planted, weeded, or do not meet guidelines, will be notified. Failure to respond within 14 days of notification will result in forfeiture of the plot. Inspection guidelines will be posted in the 4-H Garden Community Room.
9. Using herbicides, landscape fabric and black plastic mulches is prohibited. All herbicides and pesticides must be organic. For the consideration of the other gardeners, please do not spray on a breezy day. To assist with the conservation of water, mulch with leaves, grass clippings, or hay to reduce water evaporation.
10. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the Meade County 4-H Office immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces.
11. Dogs, except those on a leash, are not allowed.
12. Family members are welcome to the garden site. Please supervise young children so they don't disturb other plots.
13. Individual fencing of plots is allowed. Please keep structures under 4 feet tall and neat. They should be removed before fall end date. (Date will be posted.)
14. Unattended watering is not allowed and consequence will be forfeiture of plot. Notify the Meade County 4-H Office of any leaks in the water lines. Make sure all hydrants are off, including the splitter valve when you leave the garden. Keep hoses neatly rolled up near the water riser.

15. No debris of any kind should be left at the site. Use trash receptacles available.
16. Notify the Meade County 4-H office if you are no longer able to tend your plot, if you will be absent for a long period of time, or if you have asked a friend to tend your garden for more than 1 week.
17. Please park appropriately on the street.
18. Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage area when done. **Tools are not to be taken home! Tools are for the Community Garden use only!**
19. Keep gates in the garden closed at all times.
20. The marker board in the community room is a way for all of us to stay in touch. Please use it for any garden-related purposes.
21. Each gardener must clear their plot of fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic materials before the fall end date (Date will be posted in Community Room) unless approved by Meade County 4-H staff. All plots will need to be turned under and have removed vines and annual plant residues. If you have a year-round plot and are raising cold weather crops such as cabbage, broccoli and root crops, turn under or remove vines and annual plant residues. Failure to do this will result in forfeiture of plot the following year.
22. Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations during the season may result in a loss of future gardening privileges.
23. Any youth using the gardens are encouraged to exhibit produce from their garden plot at the Meade County Fair or Faith Livestock Show and Rodeo.
24. With the addition of honeybee hives, please do not approach the hives or provoke the honeybees in anyway. If approaching the hives for any reason, please use the appropriate equipment. Do not approach the hives unless given authority or privileges to do so.

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I/we acknowledge that I/we have read and agree to follow the Community Garden Rules and acknowledge that failure to comply with these regulations during the season may result in forfeiture of the plot and/or loss of future gardening privileges.

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