



TOWN OF GUILDERLAND
COMMUNITY GARDENS
at
TAWASENTHA PARK

ORGANIC GARDEN

1. THE USE OF INSECTIDE AND FUNGACIDE MADE FROM SYNTHETIC CHEMICAL MATERIALS ARE PROHIBITED: ROTENONE, PYRETHRIN AND SAFER SOAP WHICH ARE DERIVED FROM ORGANIC SOURCES ARE PERMITTED. THERE MAY BE LIMITED USE OF HERBICIDE ALONG THE PERIMETER FENCE IF NEEDED.

2. COMPOST: IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT GARDENERS MAINTAIN COMPOST BINS IN THEIR GARDENS TO COMPOST WEEDS AND OTHER ORGANIC MATERIALS. COMPOST MAKES EXCELLENT MULCH; THE USE OF PLASTIC AND OTHER NON-POROUS MATERIALS FOR GROUND COVER IS PROHIBITED.

GARDEN PATHS

3. THE ASSIGNED GARDEN LOTS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH ACCESS PATHS BETWEEN THEM. ACCESS PATHS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 4 FEET WIDE. LEAVE ADEQUATE SPACE FOR PLANT GROWTH SO AS NOT TO ENCROACH INTO OR OVERHANG THE PATHS.

4. AVOID STEPPING OFF THE ACCESS PATHS AND INTO OTHER GARDEN LOTS. GARDENERS HAVE THEIR OWN METHODS OF PLANTING WHICH MAY BE DAMAGED IN THE PROCESS.

5. THE ACCESS AND PERIMETER PATHS MUST BE FREE OF GARDEN TOOLS AND DEBRIS SO AS NOT TO CREATE A HAZARD NOR TO IMPEDE THEIR MAINTENANCE. NOTE: THE TOWN WILL CUT THE PERIMETER GRASS PATHS PROVIDED THEY ARE FREE OF GARDEN TOOLS, HOSES, ROCKS AND OTHER OBJECTS! GARDENERS MAY STORE GARDEN TOOLS AND SUPPLIES AT THEIR LOTS OR IN THE BARN. ITEMS IN THE BARN MUST BE STORED NEATLY.

6. WATER: HAND WATERING WITH A HOSE NOZZLE IS REQUIRED (NO OPEN ENDED HOSES). THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND PROHIBITS THE USE OF WATER SPRINKLERS IN VEGETABLE GARDENS. LEAKING HOSES SHOULD BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED.

MISCELLANEOUS

7. RADIOS: THE USE OF HEADPHONES IS REQUIRED SO AS NOT TO DISTURB THE TRANQUILITY OF THE GARDENS.

8. TOBACCO: THE TOBACCO MOSAIC VIRUS (TMV) IS ONE OF THE OLDEST KNOWN DISEASES OF THE PLANT WORLD. TOBACCO IS THEREFORE PROHIBITED FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDENS. THE PROHIBITION INCLUDES ANY USE OF TOBACCO SUCH AS SMOKING OR CHEWING AS WELL AS THE OPEN DISPLAY OF A TOBACCO PRODUCT. CIGARETTE BUTTS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED IN YOUR VEHICLE'S ASH TRAY. DO NOT TOSS BUTTS ON THE GROUND. SUCH LITTER DETRACTS FROM THE CLEANLINESS OF THE PARK AND IS A HAZARD TO BIRDS AND OTHER ANIMAL RESIDENTS.

9. GUESTS: THE GARDENS AND HOOP HOUSE ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE GARDENERS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES. GUESTS MAY ENTER ONLY WHEN YOU ARE PRESENT.

10. PARENTS: CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME; PLEASE MONITOR THEIR BEHAVIOR AT ALL TIMES.

11. DOGS: THE TOWN OF GUILDERLAND LAWS APPLY TO TAWASENTHA PARK, i.e., LEASHES AND "PICK-UP" IS REQUIRED. DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE GARDENING AREA PROPER BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL DISEASE FROM DOG FECES.

12. GARDEN GATES: THE LAST GARDENER TO LEAVE THE GARDEN REGARDLESS TO THE TIME OF DAY SHOULD CLOSE THE GATES.

13. GARDEN PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE: GARDENERS ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN AN ORDERLY GARDEN RELATIVELY FREE OF EXCESS WEEDS. LANDSCAPING CLOTH CAN HELP CONTROL WEEDS; PLASTIC COVERING IS NOT PERMITTED. SUBJECT TO SOIL CONDITIONS, GARDEN LOTS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR PLANTING NO LATER THAN MAY 31 AND PLANTING BE IN FULL-SWING BY JUNE 10. A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE GARDENS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MID-SUMMER. GARDENERS WITH NEGLECTED GARDENS WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT CLEAN-UP IS REQUIRED WITHIN 10 DAYS. IF CLEAN-UP DOES NOT OCCUR, THE GARDENER WILL BE NOTIFIED BY REGISTERED MAIL THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP IS REVOKED. THE LOT WILL THEN BE REASSIGNED. NOTE: IF ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED OR IF THERE ARE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS THE GARDENER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE GARDEN'S COORDINATOR.

14. REMEMBER THE NEEDY: GARDENERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE EXCESS PRODUCE TO THE NEEDY. GARDENERS WHO LEAVE SUBSTANTIAL PRODUCE UNPICKED AFTER THE GARDENING SEASON MAY BE ASSIGNED A SMALLER LOT THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

15. GLASS CONTAINERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM THE GARDENS: IN ADDITION, CONTAINERS, BAGS, ETC. SHOULD BE SECURED SO AS NOT TO BLOW AROUND AND DETRACT FROM THE ORDERLINESS OF THE GARDENS.

HOOP HOUSE

16. PLANT PROTECTION: SINCE THERE IS NO AUXILIARY HEAT IN THE HOOP HOUSE, PLANTS SHOULD BE PROTECTED WHEN LOW TEMPERATURES THREATEN.

17. DISEASED PLANTS: MONITOR PLANT HEALTH; DISEASED PLANTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE HOOP HOUSE.

18. POTTING BENCH: REMOVE ALL EXCESS SOIL FROM THE POTTING BENCHES AFTER EACH USE.

19. HOOP HOUSE TOOLS/MATERIALS: ONLY SUCH ITEMS THAT ARE USED IN THE HOOP HOUSE MAY BE STORED UNDER THE GARDENERS' ASSIGNED BENCH SPACE.