

## Recreation Services Department Wood Lake Nature Center

*"But each spring...a gardening instinct, sure as the sap rising in the trees, stirs within us. We look about and decide to tame another little bit of ground." -- Lewis Gantt*

### Richfield Community Information & Rules

Welcome gardeners! The following rules are designed to make this a positive experience for all involved. Please follow them carefully and respect other gardener's plots and property so that we may continue to use this land which is owned by the Metropolitan Airport Commission. Due to budget cuts there will be no portable restroom at the site.

#### Location of Community Gardens (5844 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

From Richfield: Take Crosstown/Hwy 62 east to the 28th Avenue exit. Turn right. Take 28th Avenue to 59th Street. Turn right. The Community Gardens and parking lot will be on the right (northwest corner of 59th Street and 28th Avenue).

#### Plot Location and Size

Attached is a map of the garden site. Each plot is 15x20. Corner stakes must be kept in place all season. **Be careful to select the correct plot(s) when planting.** Each plot is marked with a numbered stake. The stakes will be placed in the middle of the plot. Limit 24 plots per person.

#### Trash

All trash must be removed after each visit.

#### Parking

Please park only in the parking lot and do not drive onto the fields along the sides of the garden.

#### Water

There are water connections available. Hoses are not provided.

#### Planting

Gardeners will be notified when the plots are ready to be planted, generally early-mid May, weather permitting. Plowing may be delayed due to weather conditions. Only annual plants are allowed. Use biodegradable mulch such as straw, hay, leaves, grass clippings. Insecticides and herbicides are not allowed. No illegal or invasive plants are allowed. **DO NOT PLANT OR OTHERWISE BLOCK PATHWAYS.** All fencing must be within garden plot boundaries. No permanent fencing is allowed.

#### Animal policy

Pets are NOT allowed inside the garden plot area. Leghold traps are not allowed. Call the nature center at 612-861-9365 with any nuisance animal issues.

#### Claims to future use

In being permitted to garden on Richfield maintained and MAC-controlled land gardeners have no claim now or in the future to this garden plot. Gardening is at each gardener's

own risk. The City of Richfield is not responsible for any loss of crops. Rules subject to change.

*Gardening etiquette*

Gardeners will keep the plot neat in appearance and free of weeds. No containers, tools, trash, or any other items that may cause injury will be left at the site. Gardeners will avoid all harm to trees, shrubs, and wildlife in the area.

*Suspicious activity*

Report any illegal or suspicious activity immediately. Call 911 if any illegal activity is witnessed and call the nature center at 612-861-9365 with any other complaints.

*Vacating the plots*

All gardeners must vacate the plot(s) by the date specified in the end of season notice (usually November 1). This includes removal of all fencing, stakes, string, and refuse at the end of the growing season.

*Questions?*

Please contact nature center manager Karen Shragg at 612-861-9365 or email [kshragg@cityofrichfield.org](mailto:kshragg@cityofrichfield.org).