

LINCOLN SQUARE COMMUNITY GARDEN 2022 RULES AND GUIDELINES

Maintenance Agreement: The following is an agreement for use of the Lincoln Square Community Garden, hereafter known as the LSCG. The agreement is between the Heart of Lincoln Square Neighbors Association (HOLS) and the group, person, or business (gardener) using the plot. The group, person, or business will be referred to as the “gardener” from this point forward.

1. The LSCG lot is to be used solely by the gardener as designated on their application. Plots are non transferable. If the original gardener no longer wants the plot, that plot goes back into inventory and handled as per #2.
2. When a plot becomes available, HOLS will reach out to the gardeners to see if they would like to transfer their ownership from their current plot to the available one. If interested, the gardeners will provide notice of their interest to transfer within one week of it being offered. If multiple people are interested, it will go on a first come, first served manner. If it is transferred, the gardener agrees to move their belongings and materials in a timely manner. Whichever plot is left unwanted by the gardeners will then be offered to the waiting list.
3. Each gardener is limited to the use of one plot.
4. All gardeners must supply a list to the HOLS of all materials proposed for use prior to use in the garden to ensure the continued organic nature of the garden.
5. Gardeners are responsible for keeping the lot manageable, orderly, and clean.
6. Gardeners are expected to maintain their lots on a weekly basis, at a minimum, between April 15th and November 15th of each growing season.
7. Gardeners are required to respect their neighbors and all garden lots, including: gardening, planting, watering, maintenance and harvesting. If the gardener’s lot becomes overgrown with weeds, this affects the surrounding lots and will be issued a warning.
8. Composting is allowed but shall be limited to no more than 15% of the total lot area (or 4’ x 4’ space within a 11’ x 9’ lot). Compost areas shall be no more than 36” in height, with HOLS approved fencing and materials. THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNAL COMPOST.
9. Any and all new soil to be introduced must be tested and certified organic in nature and must be approved by HOLS prior to use.
10. All fertilizers, weed, and insect controls are to be certified organic in nature and must be approved by the HOLS prior to use.
11. Garden watering must adhere to the guidelines set forth in the watering instructions unless otherwise agreed upon with the lot user and the HOLS.
12. Any garbage, refuse weeds, or unwanted materials must be taken out by the gardener.
13. Any gardener failing to follow the above rules will receive a written warning. After accumulating three warnings, the gardener will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to utilize the garden in the future. Their garden lot will be cleaned out, and disposed of at the cost of the gardener.

LSCG Watering Instructions: The following are the Lincoln Square Community Garden’s watering instructions. Adherence to these watering instructions is mandatory. The following agreement is between the Gardener and the Lincoln Square Community Garden (LSCG):

1. Water will be available with a start date and end date as deemed appropriate by the Heart of Lincoln Square Neighbors Association based upon weather conditions.

2. Water is to be available to individual gardeners and their plots daily during the growing season.
3. It is the responsibility of the gardener for each lot to utilize the supplied water in a fashion that is respectful and responsible to their garden lot, and the surrounding gardeners and lots as well.
4. Any abuse of the water, water supply, or utilizing the water during non-supplied hours or when not approved will result in immediate forfeiture of garden privileges.
5. There will be signs the gardener can place in the plot to have other gardeners' water your plot in case you are out of town.
6. Gardener is in charge of replacing the hose to the proper area when watering is complete. NOTE: Remember that there is a layer of clay below the organic growing medium which will significantly restrict applied water from draining into the gardens sub soil at a typical rate. This fact will lessen the amount of water that your garden lot and plantings will require. This amount will be approximately 1/3, meaning that garden lots and plantings will only require 2/3 of the amount of water that would normally be required in a typical residential garden setting. Gardeners are advised to test and adjust the amount of water required to keep plantings moist without over watering.

Please note: Instructions subject to change at any time. Changes will be communicated to all gardeners.

NEW RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID-19

If possible, it is recommended to please bring hand sanitizer with you to the garden.

1. To restrict the number of folks in the garden at one time, we are asking people with odd numbered plots to come on odd days of the month and those with even numbered plots to come on even days to help with physical distancing. We realize this is not always possible, but we ask for your cooperation in this matter and hope this changes as the state starts to open up more throughout the summer months.
2. Anyone who is sick, please stay home and let us know via email at info@heartoflincolnsquare.org or via the Google Group. This way we can communicate if you need help watering or weeding for the duration of your illness and ensure that the virus is not spread to other gardeners.