



## 2026 Growing Season-Rental Agreement Rules and Regulations

1. Gardeners may begin working in their assigned plots on opening day, weather permitting, or as otherwise arranged with GBTS. The rental fee is \$25 or \$30 per garden bed depending on size. Plots must be cleared from all plants and weeds by season end November 1, 2026 or be charged a cleanup fee of \$25.00 (\$15 for 4x4' plots, \$30 for 4x10' plots). The refundable cleanup fee will be collected along with your rental fee when you sign up. For individuals requesting winter gardening, plots must be weeded and cleared of summer crop material by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
2. Gardeners are voting members of the community garden and encouraged to volunteer a minimum of 5 hours per year to help with garden events and workshops, general maintenance, attending meetings, or in other ways. If you are unable to provide volunteer time, a goodwill donation is requested to help us defer our maintenance expenses.
3. New gardeners will complete a short orientation with a GBTS volunteer after signing up for their plot.
4. GBTS is an organic gardening program. Use of chemical pesticides, herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers is strictly forbidden without prior approval from GBTS. Use of raw human or animal waste is not allowed due to health concerns.
5. If a gardener or volunteer has problems or concerns within the community garden, their plot, common area, or another gardener or volunteer, the issue must first be directed to a member of the GBTS Board, or the Garden Management Committee, for resolution either by phone, email, or in person.
6. Gardeners are responsible for weeding inside their beds (and around the outside edges of the bed-2"-3"), planting, watering, litter pick-up, and at the end of the season, clean up of their plots and assigned areas. Vegetable and flower waste should be chopped before placing it in compost bin. **Weeds, empty planting pots, and litter must be taken home for disposal...please do not leave in the garden for others to pick up.**
7. Please do not put any weeds or seedy plants in the compost bins (they will likely sprout in our plots next year!). It is also best to chop large plants into smaller pieces approximately 6" long.
8. The garden is to be used for recreational gardening; that is growing vegetables and flowers for personal, family, or group use. However, excess produce and flowers may be harvested by our local food bank volunteers with your verbal, written, or email permission prior to harvest days.
9. Gardening for commercial purposes (for profit) is not allowed.
10. Gardeners must be considerate of neighboring plots. Plants, vines, and vegetation must be contained within the boundaries of one's garden plot. Harvest only from your assigned plot. Weeding around the outside of your garden and pathway must be done in order to keep slugs and other pests away. Any additional pots, structures, or other items kept outside the plot must have the approval of the Garden Management Committee.
11. To prevent the blocking of sunlight to neighboring plots, no solid structure taller than 2 feet is

permitted without prior approval. A trellis is acceptable.

12. No illegal plants may be grown, including any plants listed by the Washington State Weed Control Board as noxious weeds. Mint and other invasive plants are strongly discouraged.
13. Water spigots will be supplied by GBTS for the entire community garden to utilize. **Hoses must be coiled up after use.** Watering cans are also available. Please make sure water is turned off when you are finished or follow posted guidelines whenever watering timers are installed. Please report any water leaks to Karen Young at 425-255-4025 (phone or text), or to another GBTS board member.
14. Garden equipment such as shovels, rakes, hand tools, gloves, wheelbarrows, or composting tools **must be cleaned and returned to the shed or designated area after use.** Please be sure to re-lock the shed and/or greenhouse properly and close all gates upon exiting.
15. If you want someone not listed on the plot application to work your plot or pick your vegetables when you are sick or away, give this person written permission and notify us by email or phone.
16. If you witness garden theft or vandalism, please call "911" or Ocean Shores Police non-emergency at (360) 533-8765. Garden by the Sea is not responsible for the loss of garden products and/or produce. For other garden situations such as water leaks, storm damage, etc. please contact Karen Young at 425-255-4025, or karen@gardenbytheseaoceanshores.org.
17. All signs dealing with GBTS rules and regulations and special notice signs must be approved by the GBTS Board before being posted in the garden.
18. Dogs, cats, and other animals are not allowed in the garden area except for certified service animals on a leash **with current tags that are visible.**
19. Children under 12 years old in the garden area must be supervised by an adult at all times.
20. No smoking, profanity, yelling, loud music, fires, firearms, or vehicles are allowed in the garden area.
21. Gardeners who have not used and/or properly maintained their plots or met the gardening guidelines, as determined by the Garden Management Committee, will be notified and given 7 days to remedy the situation. If the issue is not resolved within the time period, or a secondary breach of rules occurs, access to the gardener's plot will be forfeited. No refund will be given. Properly maintaining the plot includes, but is not limited to, regular watering, weeding, and harvesting.
22. Gardeners agree to return their plots to their original condition at the end of the season. Spring plot assignments will be on a first come, first served basis.

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**I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
(NOT VALID without the addition of a signed release form)

**Plot #(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if you are interested in donating your excess veggies to our OS Food Bank on harvest days (your name/phone number will be given to OSFB volunteers).  
Special Instructions to OSFB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid By:** Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Credit/Debit \_\_\_\_\_ **Rental Fee \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Paid \$** \_\_\_\_\_