



Sturgis Community Garden Rules

1. Plot registration for current members is **March 2-March 31**. Open registration for new members is **April 1-April 14**. All unclaimed plots after **April 14th** will become available for purchase for all members. If more gardeners are interested than there are plots available, a lottery will be held for remaining plots. All registrations and payment will be handled through the Finance Office at City Hall.
2. The garden area is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week.
3. Plots are clearly marked with stakes. Please do not remove these stakes during the season. Metal stakes throughout the site are permanent boundary markers and should not be moved.
4. We request 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. Check the bulletin board for chores that need to be done.
5. Please dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas.
6. Keep rocks out of pathways and borders. They make mowing impossible. Put them in the designated area near the parking 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 the SCG Board. Users of plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet the guidelines, will be notified. Failure to respond within 14 days of notification will result in forfeiture of the plot. Inspection guidelines will be posted on the SCG board. ****This will be in effect this year.**
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.
10. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the Garden Committee 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. **The water is metered by the City and only one warning will be given.** Notify the Garden Coordinator of any leaks in the water line. 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 next to the gardens.
16. Notify Garden Board members 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 only in designated areas. Do not drive vehicles over the lawn.
18. To assist with the conservation of water, mulch with leaves, grass clippings, or hay to reduce water evaporation.
19. 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!**
20. Keep gates in the garden closed at all times.
21. The bulletin board is a way for all of us to stay in touch. Please use it for any garden-related purposes.
22. Each gardener must clear their plot of fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic materials before fall end date unless approved by SCG Board. This will coincide with the date that the City turns the water off. The water shut off will vary depending upon the weather and temperatures. This will be determined by the City of Sturgis. 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 priority of plot the following year.
23. Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with above regulations during the season may result in a loss of future gardening privileges.
24. Violations resulting in forfeiture of a plot may be appealed to the Sturgis City Manager within 14 days and final appeals may be made to the Sturgis City Council.

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Please sign and bring the following sheet to the mandatory Spring Garden meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

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Sturgis City Manager

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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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