



MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS

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Kalispell Community Garden

What we can provide:

- Ⓢ Limited tool and shed access
- Ⓢ Help opening/winterizing the Garden
- Ⓢ A contact for Garden emergencies

What the City of Kalispell can provide:

- Ⓢ Regular water source
- Ⓢ Some assistance tilling beds
- Ⓢ Compost for Garden
- Ⓢ Refuse pile and flatbed pickup for hauling accumulated debris
- Ⓢ A contact for Garden Emergencies

What the people of Kalispell need to commit to:

- Ⓢ Being respectful of others' plots, the produce therein, and approach to gardening
- Ⓢ A **entire** summer of tending their plots (weeding, watering, harvesting, etc.)- **No Abandoned Plots!!**
- Ⓢ Refraining from the use of synthetic herbicides/pesticides or fertilizers (**100% Organic**)
- Ⓢ Refraining from negligent or reckless misuse of the garden's resources
- Ⓢ Refraining from blocking residents' drives when parking at the garden

Garden Guidelines

Tools: Folks are welcome and encouraged to bring your own tools to work in your plot. The MCC also has gardening tools, which will be available in the tool shed. Please maintain and store tools to the utmost of your ability.

Watering: Watering is the responsibility of the individual or group overseeing a plot, though the water will be provided by the City of Kalispell. We encourage the mindful use of water, so please bring a watering can to hydrate your plot; it will help us conserve this increasingly precious resource.

Abandonment Policy: It is the responsibility of the individual or group overseeing a plot to keep that plot weeded and making sure it has been watered, all season long. If for any reason you need to discontinue your gardening mid-season, please let a Community Garden representative know as soon as possible.

Weeds: A weedy abandoned plot affects the whole garden. You are expected to keep your plot reasonably free of weeds. Gardeners should be mindful of a plot "going to seed" and should promptly address the situation. Black plastic should be used to cover any open plots to mitigate the growth of weeds.

Organic Gardening: The community garden is organic. No pesticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers are allowed. For more information on organic gardening, please ask...we have resources available.

Communication: The message board next to the shed should be used for posting information regarding upcoming events, scheduled work days, notes to fellow gardeners, educational postings, etc. Please check and use it as often as you would like. It's true that many folks have diverse and particular gardening experience. We encourage the sharing of this information with those less experienced, but please respect people's decisions to plant/tend their plots in their own way.

Compost: The compost pile is for everybody's use. Vegetable scraps and other organic materials such as egg shell, coffee grounds and fruit peels can be added to the pile. In order for useful compost to be generated, the pile must be watered and turned regularly with the addition of Nitrogen-heavy components (ie. fresh grass clippings), as well as Carbon-heavy components (ie. leaves, stalks).

Vandals: The best defense against vandals is taking care of plots and maintaining a presence at the gardens. If plots look taken care of and vegetables are harvested regularly, vandalism is less likely to occur. Look out for OUR garden!