

OCSD Glendale Garden GARDENS RULES

- 1. In order to reserve a plot and begin working in the garden, each gardener must fill out, sign and return the annual application and waiver agreement form along with payment (checks payable to) to Ron Van Heuvelen, 127 Sheriff Ave, Oskaloosa 52577.
- 2. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. Garden Facilitator will assign plots and notify participants when the process is complete.
- 3. The fee is determined by plot size. Small plots are 20 x 20 for \$10. Large plots are 60 x 60 for \$20.
- 4. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only. Perennial and unlawful plants are not allowed in the garden.
- 5. Each person is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots. If neglected, plots will be subject to reassignment with no refund of payment.
- 6. Tools will be the responsibility of the gardener.
- 7. No water is available on site. Supplemental water is the gardener's responsibility.
- 8. Herbicides and pesticides may be applied in powder or granular form and are limited to the approved list found on the backside of this page. Please adhere to label recommendations when applying.
- 9. Gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material, fencing and other plot materials, leaving the plot as it was found in the spring. Plots need to be cleaned of all debris removed by October 15.
- 9. The Oskaloosa Community Gardens committee is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. The committee is currently made up of the Oskaloosa Community Garden facilitators and interested community members.
- 10. Forward any gardening questions to: Suzette Striegel, Mahaska County Extension Horticulturist 641-673-5841.

All fertilizers and natural /organic pesticides must be applies in a manner that the other garden plots will not be affected.

Fertilizers: Gardeners may use compost, composted manure, and natural/organic fertilizers. Chemical fertilizers may not be used.

Weeds: Gardeners may apply decomposable mulches such as wood chips, clean straw, and lawn clippings; but they need to be removed at the end of the season. Hand pulling, hoeing, tilling, and natural/organic herbicides are permitted. Synthetic herbicides may not be used.

Diseases: Decomposable mulches and natural/organic fungicides are permitted. Synthetic fungicides may not be used.

Insects: Hand picking, row covers, trap crops, and natural/organic insecticides are permitted. Synthetic insecticides may not be used.

Call the Mahaska County Extension office to learn other natural ways to control weeds, diseases, and insects in your garden.