



# New Start Community Garden P-Patch Application

Welcome to the New Start Community Garden P-Patch!  
Please fill out all sections of the application below:

Assigned Plot# \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of any Co-Gardeners: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:**     I am a returning gardener.     I am new here.

<p>How did you hear about the New Start Community Garden?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family or Friend</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> From a Current Gardener</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Passing by Garden</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social Media</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Online/Google Search</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Start High School Staff/Student</p>	<p>How many people are in your family/household?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>What neighborhood do you live in?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>What languages do you speak?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>What pronouns should we use for you?</p> <p>_____</p>
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**PLOT INFORMATION & FEES:** *(Please check your choice for plot type and payment method.)*

- Regular plots are \$25 and apx.100 square feet (8'x13'), rented from April 1-April 1
- Raised Beds are \$25 for five 4'x4'x3' boxes. Raised beds are available on a limited basis, prioritized for senior adults, those with accessibility needs, and/or physical limitations.

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is a \$25 dollar <b>CHECK</b> made payable to New Start Community Garden. (Give the check to John or Taryn)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is \$25 dollars <b>CASH</b> payable in person to Taryn or John</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I will pay \$26 online: PayPal, Venmo, website</p>
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I would like to make an additional donation to the Garden: \_\_\_\_\_ \$

**GARDEN WAIVER:**

*Please sign the New Start Community Garden/Weed Warriors Nature Stewards waiver below:*

I, the undersigned adult, on behalf of myself and my child(ren) agree to indemnify and to hold New Start Community Garden non-profit, its agents, employees and officials, while acting within the scope of their duties, harmless from all lawsuits, causes of actions, demands, and claims, including costs of their defense, arising in favor of myself, my child(ren) participant (if applicable), or third parties, on account of personal injuries, death or damage to property arising out of the activities related to the above program. I give permission for photos/videos taken of me, my child(ren) and my additional gardeners during community garden activities to be used for publicity purposes, without recompense. This agreement will be in effect for the duration of my participation beginning this date.

**I have read, understand, and agree to the garden rules, polices and above waiver.**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Gardener: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Gardener: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Gardener: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For questions about this application, garden policies, and rules and/or gardener commitments, please contact us at [info@sharkgarden.org](mailto:info@sharkgarden.org)**

**Optional additional information:**

My gardening skill level is:

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced

I would be interested in **FREE classes** in the garden about: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What kinds of events would you like to see in the garden? \_\_\_\_\_



[@sharkgardenburien](https://www.instagram.com/sharkgardenburien)



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**For information about garden events, information, and news, please follow us online!**

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## NEW START COMMUNITY GARDEN P-PATCH RULES

These rules are designed to help the community garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that makes this a successful program. The rules below pertain to the P-Patch garden area in particular. Please also review and follow the general garden rules posted onsite at the New Start Community Garden entrances. Gardeners who break p-patch and/or garden rules run the risk of losing their garden plot, which, after a warning, may be re-assigned without a refund.

Please reach out to the garden board at [info@sharkgarden.org](mailto:info@sharkgarden.org) if you have any questions about garden policies or are having challenges with your garden commitments.

### **P-PATCH INFORMATION & GARDENER COMMITMENTS:**

- Garden applicants must be 18 years or older.
- **All gardeners must provide 10 hours of service annually to the community garden common areas.** (*Work done in one's own plot or in plot pathways does not count towards these hours.*)
  - Gardeners will be invited to regular garden Work Parties and an ongoing task list for garden tasks will be posted in the garden shed to help gardeners to meet their 10 hours.
  - It's the plot holder's responsibility to complete and record their volunteer hours in community garden areas. We do not accept other forms of payment in lieu of those hours unless garden board members grant exception based on hardship.
  - Family members or friends can help complete the volunteer hours if they are listed as co-gardeners on your application (signing the waiver).
- Gardeners must show active use of their garden plot within the first month of rental by at least cleaning the plot of weeds and preparing it for planting. Gardeners that do not use and maintain their plot for any long period of time during the season may be subject to losing the plot without refund. Plots that become very weedy are considered unmaintained.
- Gardeners are allowed one plot per person per season (season is April 1 – last day of March). Applicants can be added to the waitlist for an additional plot which will be determined once the annual plot audit is completed in February. Returning gardeners have priority to renew a garden plot. Returning applicants need to complete the garden application and return payment no later than the last day of March after their previous year's volunteer hours are verified.
- All gardeners must attend the orientation held at the garden at the beginning of each new season.
- The P-Patch program is managed by the New Start Community Garden Board. A board member will contact the gardener group from time to time with volunteer opportunities in the

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garden, work party dates, info and/or requests.

- The garden is only open during daylight hours. Entrance after dark is considered trespassing.

### **P-PATCH GARDEN POLICIES & RULES:**

- Gardeners are responsible for all care of their plots, including tilling, cultivating, weeding, watering, and end of season clean up. Paths directly adjacent to one's own plot must be kept weeded.
- Plants on the state's noxious weed list are not allowed in plots.
- Picking anything from another gardener's plot or other parts of the garden is not permitted. Guided harvesting of some areas are done only with garden staff during classes, tours, and volunteer events.
- Paths around plots **MUST** be kept clear. No tools, pots, tomato cages, debris, piles of weeds, bags of soil, etc. can be kept in paths.
- Gardeners must keep plots and surrounding pathways relatively weed free. Gardeners should not let plants go to seed at the end of the growing season and they should keep the borders of their plots tidy. Any plants reaching outside of the plot may be removed by our volunteer team for use in the food bank harvest.
- All plots are rented through the last day of March. By the first day of November, gardeners must 'winterize' their plots by removing un-needed materials from their plots including: pots, wire tomato cages, stakes, trellises, weeds, and dead plants. They must either cover any unplanted portions of their plots to suppress weeds or plant winter cover crops. If gardeners fail to adequately clean out their plots, they will lose their plot space for the following year. The garden water and power are turned off from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup>, but you can garden all year if you want to grow winter crops.
- No wildflowers, trees or shrubs are allowed in plots. A shared berry patch is available to renters. Do not plant lemon balm, feverfew, or mint in your plots as it will spread out of control into neighboring plots.
- Structures (trellises, growing cages, etc.) within plots can't exceed 6 feet tall. Trellises and other structures within height guidelines should not shade/block other plots and should be taken down on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> for the winter. Do not use materials from other parts of the garden without permission to build structures in your garden plot.
- Building fences around plots/constructing other permanent plot barriers is prohibited.
- Changing the size of your plot is not allowed.
- There is no smoking of any kind allowed in any of the garden areas.
- **Dogs or other pets are not allowed.** The only exceptions are service animals that are trained to perform specific tasks which must be kept on leash at all times. Every bed in the garden and many paths contains some kind of FOOD and we don't want our food to be contaminated.
- Motorized vehicles and equipment, except for small tillers (with expressed permission of the Garden Board), are not allowed in the gardens. You can drive in to drop things off and then

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park in the parking lot.

- Community Gardens are to be used for recreational gardening of vegetables and flowers for personal and immediate family use only. No cannabis cultivation allowed and growing vegetables and flowers for commercial purposes is prohibited, except for garnishes or ingredients for restaurants.
- Taking individual action in common areas of the p-patch or other community garden areas without working/communicating with garden management staff first to approve your action is prohibited.
- The New Start Community Garden is an ORGANIC gardening program. **Use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers made from synthetic materials is prohibited.** You may bring in organic compost, fertilizers, or manures to use in your plot. Look for the OMRI label on organic products. Some of the garden generated compost will often also be available to you as directed by staff.
- Discard plant materials in the designated compost areas as directed. Do not throw any trash in. You are allowed to forage any food plants that grow on the big compost piles to eat or move to your plot. If you have extra harvest that you will not use, please let us know, so that we can take it to the food bank in our weekly delivery.
- Clean and properly store all shared garden tools that are used during your time on site. Lock the tool storage shed at all times. We do not provide gloves, pruners, or power tools, but have most hand tools available for use *in the garden*. Do not take these tools home with you.
- Gardeners will have access to water spigot handles, hoses, and some tools in the tool cargo shed. They will get the code to the storage shed and access to water handles at orientation. Gardeners must be present at their plots while watering and hang up hoses when done. Drip irrigation, soaker hoses and other irrigation may not be left on unattended.
- All garbage, unused plant containers, and debris must be removed from the garden. We do NOT have garbage service and the garbage cans are meant for visitors who don't know this.
- Children in the garden must be always kept under close supervision and prevented from breaking these rules. If your children are found breaking the rules, it can also result in your losing your plot. This goes for your visiting friends, as well.
- Amplified music is not allowed in the garden, unless with the permission of the garden board. We want people to have a quiet place to enjoy nature and get away from it all.
- Use of common area fruit trees and berries will be determined by the garden board. **Picking or pruning anything outside of your plot or the berry patch is prohibited.** We harvest from the orchard and botanical garden areas for the food bank and for use in our fundraising bake sale goods. Picking these areas reduces our ability to fund the garden as a result. The school garden area is used to teach gardening while we grow food for the White Center Food Bank. If you volunteer in those efforts, we often send home produce with you when you volunteer.
- **All other posted rules on the garden billboard signs also apply to appropriate**

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**behavior. No bullying or unfriendly behavior is allowed.**

- If you witness or experience garden theft, crime, or vandalism, please notify police by calling non-emergency at 206-296-3311 to file a report. Please also notify the garden board at [info@sharkgarden.org](mailto:info@sharkgarden.org). DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TOOLS OR SUPPLIES IN THE GARDEN! Be sure to keep the tool shed and vehicles locked at all times.