



## Richard D. Parker Memorial Victory Gardens

### FENWAY GARDEN SOCIETY GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS 2011

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#### GARDENERS

1. Must be residents of the City of Boston
2. May not consume alcoholic beverages (prohibited by the Parks department)
3. May not barbeque or grill unless a city permit is obtained
4. May not park cars in the park except to deliver heavy supplies or to drop off disabled persons. MAXIMUM of 20 minutes
5. May not play radios at a high volume
6. May not "give", "promise" or "assign" a plot to another person
7. May not remove anything from another plot without permission of the VP of the Park
8. Are expected to help with park maintenance, administration and to attend at least one of the FGS semi-annual meetings.
9. May request an additional plot after having served the FGS in a substantial way, if there is no waiting list and if the request is approved by the Executive Board
10. Must not abuse or harass any other gardener or visitor to the park. There is a zero tolerance policy for verbal or physical abuse, which will be dealt with in the most serious possible manner. In the event that a complaint is lodged, revocation procedures will be initiated immediately. In the event that inappropriate behavior is proven, the garden will be revoked. (Discrepancies in the recollection of relevant events will be adjudicated in the appeals portion of the revocation process.)

#### STRUCTURES/FURNISHINGS

1. Colors: natural wood, stained/painted DARK green, DARK brown, or black
2. Gate that locks: for the protection of you, your neighbors and the public all gardens must be secured with a fence and a gate that locks
3. Fences: open wire/chain link, 4' requirement, 2' from asphalt/stone dust paths
4. Gates: to open in from pathway, 4' maximum
5. Fence posts/gate posts: uniform, 4 ½' maximum
6. Trellises, entryways and arbors (2 open, 2 supporting sides): 5' maximum
7. Tarps/umbrellas: to be closed when not in use and at the end of the day
8. NOT ALLOWED:
  - a. Indoor-style furnishings
  - b. Decks
  - c. Solid gates/roofing
  - d. Concrete or asphalt foundations or pavement
  - e. Chicken wire, barbed/razor wire
  - f. Hardware cloth fences/gates
9. Storage of unused materials must be limited to those items which are to be used in the garden within a 30 day period and must be stored in an orderly manner.

#### PLANTING RESTRICTIONS

1. Sale of produce is not allowed
2. Shrubs/dwarf trees: 5' maximum. Existing trees that exceed 5' must be pruned and shaped to minimize size. Trees that cannot be kept pruned may have to be removed
3. Complete visibility into gardens is required. Any shrubs along fencing: 4' maximum
4. Shading/encroaching on a neighbor's garden is not allowed.
5. Perimeter fence installed by the Parks Department to be kept free of growth on both sides
6. Invasive species restrictions: in compliance with the state prohibition of invasive species, FGS restricts the planting of known invasive plants. (A list of these species can be obtained from the FGS website.) FGS also encourages the general removal of pre-existing infestations of invasive plants.

## **MAINTENANCE**

1. Gardens: to be kept tended, in repair, and free of trash throughout the growing season.
2. Row paths: to be kept free of plants, weeds, trash, and mud (use wood chips.)
3. Assigned gardener is held responsible for their garden and adjacent path(s).
4. Fall cleanup: annuals removed, perennials pruned, equipment stored orderly/securely
5. Wheelbarrows: returned to storage areas at the end of the day

## **COMPOST/DISPOSABLE MATERIAL**

1. There are four main streams that must be kept separate. Please identify the separate, marked areas in the compost areas and dispose of the following materials accordingly:
  - a. *Soft plant materials* (those without woody parts - flowers, grass, leaves, vegetables)
  - b. *Woody plant materials* (tree and shrub trunks, limbs and branches, grape vines, and rose canes)
  - c. *Recyclables* (materials amenable to recycling, from soda bottles and flower pots to wire fencing and lumber)
  - d. *Trash* ('none of the above')
2. Large/bulky items: tie in bundles 3' X 3" maximum or break down; put next to a trash barrel or in dumpster
3. IF you have large amounts of wire fencing, fence posts, bricks, or recyclables, please contact your area director for guidance.

## **REVOCAION AND APPEAL**

1. A gardener will be notified by mail of the non-compliance by the VP of the Park and will have 1 week to correct the situation.
2. If the violation still persists, the garden(s) will be revoked, in accordance with the FGS Constitution and Bylaws, Article V, Section 11: VP of the Park and two other Executive Board officers may revoke gardens that do not comply with Guidelines and Regulations.
3. Upon receipt of revocation, gardener will have 1 week to remove personal items from the garden.
4. When a garden is revoked, an appeal may be made to a three member Appeal Board, consisting of the President and two impartial Area Directors, one of which may be of the gardener's choosing. (In the absence of a working Area Director system, Board Members can be substituted.) Appeal must be made within one week of revocation. The decision of the Appeal's Board is final.
5. If due to a temporary illness or personal emergency, a gardener is unable to personally maintain their garden, they will be allowed keep their plot if they are able to make appropriate arrangements with the garden society to ensure their plot is in compliance with these guidelines. The maximum length of this accommodation is one growing season.

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