

Fifth Street Community Garden Application

How does it work?

Plots are rented for one year, from March 1st to the end of February. Water, some tools and other resources are provided. Each plot is 9x12 feet (108 sq. ft.), with a limit of 2 plots per gardener. Any plots not rented by May 1st will be available to gardeners to add to their existing number of plots and be rented temporarily for that year.

Gardeners are expected to maintain their own plots and contribute time to the shared responsibilities of garden as a whole. Work parties may be organized as needed to complete specific tasks and there are common areas that gardeners can adopt and maintain individually or as a group.

Returning gardeners must confirm they are returning and payment must be received by February 15th to keep their plots.

All adults participating in the garden must sign a Hold Harmless agreement **each year**. Children (under 18 years of age) must have a parent or guardian sign the Hold Harmless agreement.

Primary contact name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Number of plots: _____ (\$40 per plot per year)

Gardeners will be signed up for an email list used to send out announcements. The list can be used to ask questions and share information. Gardeners can be removed from the list any time they wish; but be aware you may not receive important news about the garden. If anyone sharing the garden with you would like to be on the mailing list, please list their names and email addresses below. Information will also be posted at the garden.

Make checks payable to: **Fifth Street Community Garden**

Mail check, application and signed Hold Harmless agreement to: **PO Box 902, Port Angeles, WA 98362**

Once your application is received you'll be contacted to confirm that the application is complete.

Hold Harmless Agreement and Release from Liability

1. In consideration for property owner, City of Port Angeles, and Fifth Street Community Garden allowing me (if 18 years of age or older) or my child (if under 18 years of age) to participate in the Fifth Street Community Garden by coming onto the property owner's premises located at 5th and Peabody, Port Angeles, I hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue City of Port Angeles and Fifth Street Community Garden, their officers, agents, servants and employees (referred to as releasees) from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me or my family or any property belonging to same, whether caused by the negligence of releasees, or otherwise, while participating in any activity related to Fifth Street Community Garden or while otherwise being on the premises.

2. I further hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above named releasees from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my or my family's participation in Fifth Street Community Garden or while otherwise being on the premises, whether caused by negligence of the releasees, or otherwise.

3. It is my express intent that this Hold Harmless Agreement and Release from Liability shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if not alive, and shall be deemed as a release, waiver, discharge, and covenant not to sue the above named releasees. I hereby further agree that this agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

Printed name of participant(s)

Signature of participant
(or parent/guardian if participant is under age of 18)

Date

Signature of participant

Date

Fifth Street Community Garden Rules

Be Organic

- Choose compost or other soil-building additives. The use of synthetic chemical insecticides, herbicides or fertilizers is prohibited.
- Seeds and plants do not need to be certified organic.

Garden Use and Maintenance

- Maintain your plots by planting, mulching, watering, weeding and harvesting.
- If you are unable to take care of your plot, notify the garden leader.
- If your plot becomes unkempt you will be given notice; you must improve and maintain your plot in that time period. After that time it will be reassigned or tilled under.
- Clean up your plot in the Fall unless you are Winter gardening. Bare ground should be covered with organic mulch to protect it from the Winter rains. Leaves, wood chips and straw are recommended. Cardboard or newspaper will also work.
- Plan your garden so that it can be maintained from the pathways or inside your own plot.
- Do not walk in your neighbors' plots.
- Do not allow your plants to encroach on your neighbors' plots or the pathways. Beware that any parts of plants outside of your plot boundary may be damaged by mowing.
- Plant tall crops only where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- Harvest only your own crops unless given permission by another gardener. If you didn't plant it, don't pick it!
- Common areas (identified in green on the map) are available for harvest by all gardeners and the general public.
- Mint and comfrey, outside of containers, are **not** allowed in the garden.
- Illegal plants are not allowed. Marijuana may be legal now but you can't grow it in this garden.
- Invasive or perennial plants are not allowed without permission. Artichokes and strawberries are fine. Fruit trees, berry bushes and blackberry/raspberry canes are not. If in doubt, ask first.
- If you borrow community garden tools, clean and return them to the storage area when you are finished.
- The last person out of the garden **must** make sure that all garden gates are closed and secured.

Watering

- Please conserve water. It is best to water in the morning or late afternoon/evening when waste from evaporation is less.
- Water deeply, especially with mature plants, as it is better to give plants a good watering once or twice a week instead of a daily light sprinkling to promote deeper and strong root systems. Rule of thumb is 1-2 inches per week. Empty tuna fish cans in your plot can help gauge how much you are watering.
- Do not use overhead sprinklers.
- Try to avoid watering pathways. It wastes water, creates mud and encourages grass and weed growth.
- Fix water leaks in hoses or connections or notify the garden leader of plumbing problems.
- Water only your own plot as your neighbor may have different watering needs or plans.
- Be careful not to drag hoses through other plots when moving them.

Miscellaneous

- Gardeners **must** contribute time to the maintenance of the whole garden by participating in work parties, adopting common areas, or taking on individual tasks.
- Smoking, pets and amplified sound are prohibited.
- Children must be supervised. Help them learn about gardening and boundaries.

- Take your trash home for disposal.
- You may garden in any daylight hours of any day.