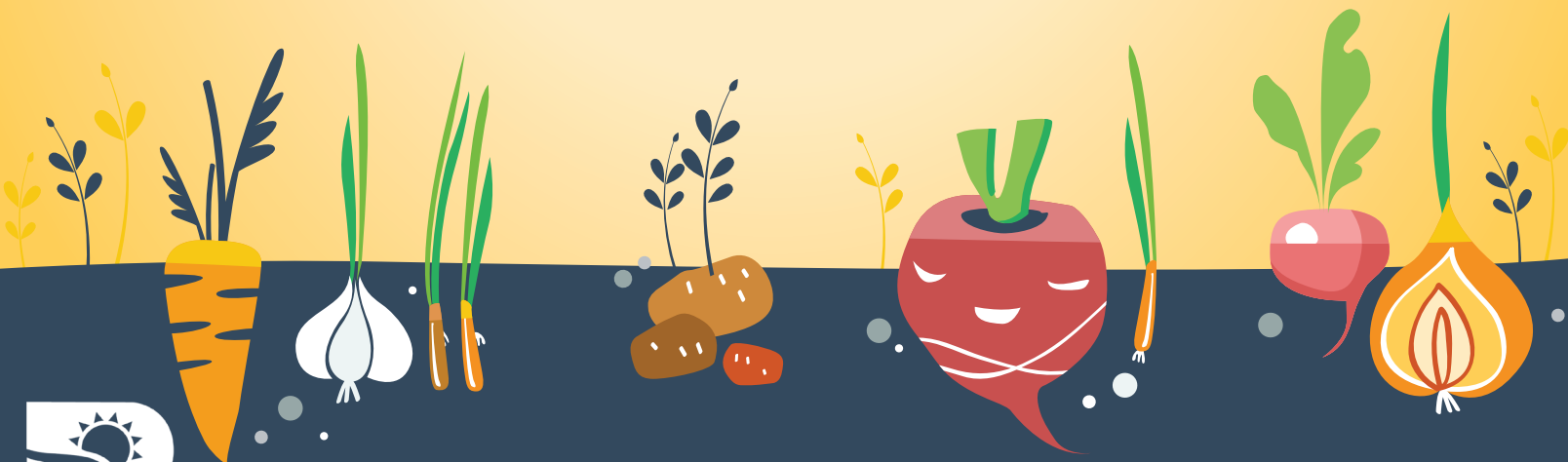


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YOUR OWN GARDEN

Richland Parks and Public Facilities

Community Gardens Handbook



City of Richland Values, Vision, and Mission

Values

In 2001, the City of Richland began a journey toward becoming a values-based organization, with less reliance on policies and “rules.” To further this effort, municipal staff and City Council have embraced the values of teamwork, integrity and excellence.

Teamwork: We will work together, demonstrating collaboration through mutual reliability, openness and flexibility to accomplish our goals.

Integrity: We will demonstrate an uncompromising allegiance to the core values of honesty, respect for others, loyalty, consistency, accountability and sincerity.

Excellence: We will deliver a superior level of commitment, responsiveness, performance and provision of services to all, with the attitude that everything is worth our best effort.

Vision Statement

Richland is a progressive, safe and family-friendly community that welcomes diversity. It is noted for excellence in technology, medicine, education, recreation, tourism, and citizen participation. This dynamic city, situated on two rivers, actively supports opportunities for economic development that are in harmony with the area’s unique natural resources.

Mission Statement

The City of Richland is responsible for furnishing cost-effective services and well-maintained facilities, safeguarding the public and property, enhancing the community’s favorable quality of life, protecting Richland’s natural environment, and sustaining a healthy, growing economy.

Venus
Community
Garden



Welcome to the Richland Parks and Public Facilities

Community Gardens

Welcome and Thank You for “Growing” with Richland!

Since 2010, the City of Richland Parks and Public Facilities Department has been providing opportunities for our residents to grow and maintain community gardens. Now with four designated Park locations, individuals can reserve garden plots to grow their own garden of fruits and vegetables throughout the Spring and Summer months. Community gardens not only provide affordable and accessible opportunities to our citizens, they also enhance and diversify Richland’s park system.

Available Locations:

- McMurray Community Garden McMurray Park
- Stevens Triangle Community Garden Corner of Stevens Drive & Jadwin Avenue
- Venus Community Garden North of Gage Boulevard on Venus Street
- Frankfort Community Garden Near Frankfort Street and Wright Street

3’ x 12’ Plot	5’ x 10’ Plot	10’ x 10’ Plot	10’ x 15’ Plot	10’ x 20’ Plot
\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
*Plot sizes and fees may vary by garden location				

Stevens
Triangle
Community
Garden



McMurray
Community Garden



Contact Information

In case of an emergency call 9-1-1

- Non-emergency Dispatch..... 509-628-0333
- Poison Control 1-800-732-1222
- Richland Community Center 509-942-7529
- parksrec@ci.richland.wa.us

Have questions on what to plant or need tips?

- WSU Extension Master Gardener Clinic Line 509-736-2726
- <https://extension.wsu.edu/benton-franklin/mastergardeners/>

Frankfort
Community Garden



Registration

Reservations for garden plots begin annually on the first Monday in February for returning gardeners, and the second Monday in February for new gardeners on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Gardeners may reserve only one (1) plot per household until April 1. After April 1, gardeners may reserve one (1) additional plot, as available.

Throughout the season, gardeners are responsible to notify the Parks and Public Facilities Department with any contact information changes. Any gardener who abandons their plot(s) for any reason must notify the Parks and Public Facilities Department.

All changes and or updates should be reported to the City at **509-942-7529** or email **parksrec@ci.richland.wa.us**.

To reserve a garden plot login or create an ActiveNet account and select your garden plot on the City of Richland ActiveNet registration site. If you need assistance setting up or recovering your account information, please contact the Richland Community Center.

To register, visit www.ci.richland.wa.us/communitygarden.

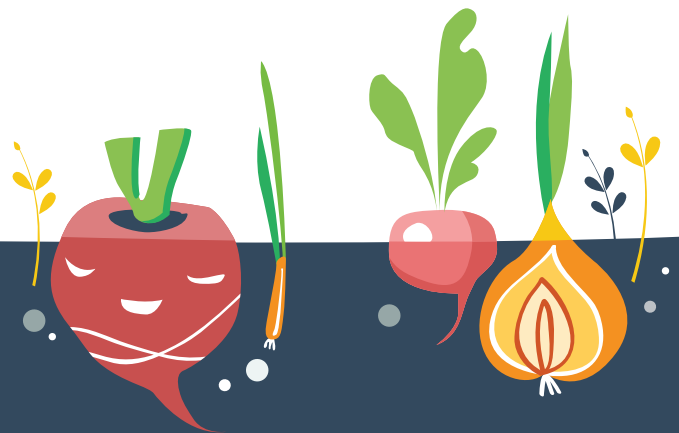
Season Dates and Hours of Operation

Richland Park hours are **5:00am to 11:00pm**, this includes all community garden locations. All gardening shall occur within these hours.

- Gardeners may begin preparing their assigned plot beginning the second Friday in March.
- Gardeners will receive an email prior to the second Friday in March with the lock combination.

The season ends the first Sunday in November.

Gardeners must remove all annual plant materials, weed blocks, tools and cages unless specific arrangements have been made. Failure to complete end of the season cleanup will result in forfeiture of your ability to pre-reserve a garden plot the following season.



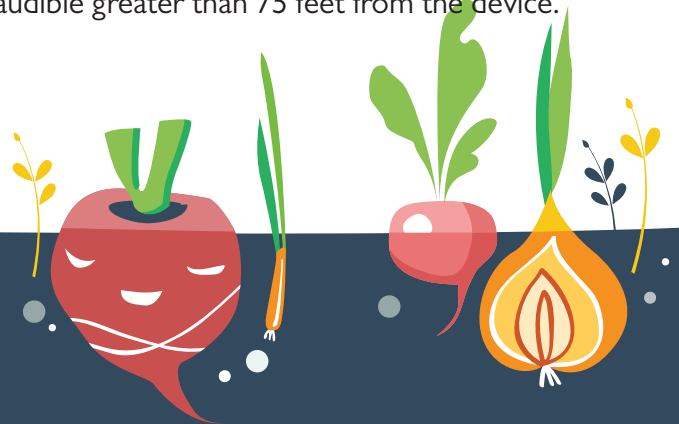
Park Rules

The Community Gardens are City parks. Therefore, all park rules as outlined in RMC 9.22.070. Failure to do so shall result in forfeiture of garden plot with no refund of fees.

RMC 9.22.070 Park Property.

A. Use of Park Property. It is unlawful for any person except city employees and other authorized persons in the performance of their duties or pursuant to a special permit issued by the city manager to drive, stand or park any motor vehicle or to ride any horse, except where allowed by subsection (E) of this section, upon the footpaths, bicycle paths, or any grassed or landscaped areas in any public park or other public land of the city, or to pick any flowers or plants, or to damage or mutilate any of the shrubs or trees, monuments, or works of art, or in any manner damage any property of the city in any public park or other public land of the city, or to violate any of the rules or regulations relating to the public parks. It shall be unlawful to violate any of the following rules and regulations which shall apply in all parks throughout the city of Richland:

1. There shall be no unauthorized motorized vehicles allowed in the parks.
2. The possession of weapons in the parks is prohibited including, but not limited to, air rifles, paintball guns, bows and arrows, crossbows, swords and pellet guns. This section shall not apply to the open carry of a firearm except where prohibited or to firearms permitted under Chapter 9.41 RCW.
3. There shall be no intentional dumping of personal trash, litter or garbage outside a receptacle provided by the city and/or which is appropriate for that purpose allowed in the parks.
4. There shall be no intentional destruction of vegetation.
5. There shall be no unauthorized burning.
6. There shall be no unauthorized camping per subsection (D) of this section.
7. There shall be no alcoholic beverages consumed in the parks without the appropriate permits.
8. There shall be no littering in the parks.
9. Dogs must be in compliance with existing leash law as set forth in RMC 7.03.050, or in compliance with rules established for designated off-leash dog areas within the city park system.
10. There shall be no sound made by the use of a musical instrument, whistle, sound amplifier, juke box, radio, television, iPod or other similar device so as to be audible greater than 75 feet from the device.



Garden Rules

- No tires allowed at the garden sites.
- Gardeners shall respect other gardeners and stay out of other garden plots whether used or not, unless previous arrangement has been made with current gardener or the City.
- Children must be supervised at all times.
- Gardeners shall not use power tools, weed eaters or tillers.
- Gardeners shall not use pesticides, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots.
- Use of raw human or animal waste is not allowed due to environmental and health concerns. Fully composted manures such as steer and chicken manure are allowed.
- Gardeners are responsible for additional cultivating, fertilizing, weeding, watering, litter pick-up, end of season clean up and all other care their plots require.
- Gardeners should not plant tall plants that will shade a neighboring plot.
- Garden structures (plant supports, cages, stakes, etc.) must not extend beyond garden plot, impede pathway or be deemed hazardous.
- Gardeners must be present within the community garden area at all times while watering. Irrigation of any kind shall not be left unattended.

Planting

Gardeners are responsible for supplying all tools and other gardening equipment.

- The Community Garden Program is to be used for recreational gardening and for vegetables and flowers for personal and family use. Gardening for commercial gain is not allowed, nor are illegal plants (ex. marijuana) and plants on the State of Washington's Noxious Weed list.
- Growing of corn is prohibited.
- Be advised, Richland, Washington is considered to be in the USDA Hardiness Zone 7a/7b. For more information, visit www.plantmaps.com.

Access to water shall be by the hose bibs within the community garden area. Gardeners are responsible for providing hoses and bib key to turn the water on and off. Keys may be purchased at most hardware stores.



Maintenance

Gardeners shall maintain a weed free plot as well as the area immediately surrounding their plot by way of consistent ongoing maintenance.

- Those who do not maintain a weed free plot or who have not tended to their plot for more than seven (7) days will be contacted via email, mail, or by phone. If the plot is not brought into compliance within seven (7) days of contact by City staff, the space shall be forfeited and made available to another community member. In the case of noncompliance, fees are not refundable.
- Maintenance of waterlines and surrounding park grounds shall be the responsibility of the Parks and Public Facilities.
- Pathways immediately surrounding assigned plot(s) must be kept passable and free of any vegetation, debris, and garden hardware.
- Crops, plants, vines and vegetation must be contained within the boundaries of gardener's own plot
- Use only as much water as needed. Do not leave water running while unattended.
- Coil hoses after use.

Please call 509-942-7529 or email parksrec@ci.richland.wa.us if you experience waterline issues or notice any maintenance concerns.

Theft and Vandalism

In case of emergency, call 9-1-1

Due to the open nature of the parks and garden site, the City of Richland is not responsible for vandalism, the loss of garden products, tools or equipment.

If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please call the Police Department Non-Emergency number at 509-628-0333.

A breach of rules may result in forfeiture of garden plot access with no refund of fees. All plants will be removed from the garden plot by Parks & Public Facilities staff and made available to another community member.

