

# Fifth Street Community Garden Application

The Fifth Street Community Garden is part of the Port Angeles Community Gardens network and as such falls under the leadership and authority of the Port Angeles Community Gardens Board of Directors.

The Fifth Street Community Garden structure is based upon a P-Patch model (individual plots).

## How does it work?

Plots are rented for one year, from March 1st to the end of February of the following year. 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 can be rented temporarily only for that year.

Gardeners are expected to maintain their own plots and contribute time to the shared responsibilities of the 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 their continuing participation by February 1st and payment must be received by February 15th to keep their same 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 Gardener Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Plots:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\$40 per plot per year)

Gardeners will be added to an email list which will be used to send out announcements, and for gardeners to ask questions and share information. Gardeners can request that their name be removed from the list any time they wish. If anyone is sharing the plot(s) with you and they would also like to be on the mailing list, please write their names and email addresses below. Information will also be posted at the garden.

Additional Gardener Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 accepted. After acceptance you will be assigned a specific plot(s).

# 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.

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Printed name of participant(s)

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

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Date

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Signature of participant

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Date

# Fifth Street Community Garden Rules

## Be Organic

- Only 100% natural or organic insecticides, herbicides or fertilizers are permitted in the garden. Synthetic or chemical compounds or products are expressly *prohibited*. Additionally, only 100% natural or organic compost, soil, or amendments are permitted in the garden. Compost or soil containing biosolids is expressly *prohibited*.
- Seeds and plants do not need to be certified organic. Concerned about GMO seeds? Nothing to worry about, because all gardening seeds available to the public are non-GMO. Only farmers can obtain GMO seeds.

## 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 garden leadership.
- If your plot becomes unkempt you will be given a two week notice, and you must improve and maintain your plot it 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, but must be weighted-down or securely pinned to the ground to prevent displacement by wind or other factors.
- 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 or foot traffic.
- 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 growing areas include the willow tree area and both sides of the front fence. These areas are available for harvest by all gardeners.
- Certain plants are not allowed due to their tendency to spread aggressively and be difficult to remove. Currently prohibited plants are: mint, comfrey, and jerusalem artichokes.
- 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, but fruit trees, berry bushes and blackberry/raspberry canes are not allowed. If in doubt, ask before purchasing or planting.
- 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. To promote deeper and stronger root systems, it is better to give plants a good watering once or twice a week instead of a daily light sprinkling. Rule of thumb is 1-2 inches per week. Empty containers placed in your plot can help quantify 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 garden leadership of plumbing problems.
- Water only your own plot as your neighbor may have different watering needs or methods.
- 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 in the garden.
- 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.