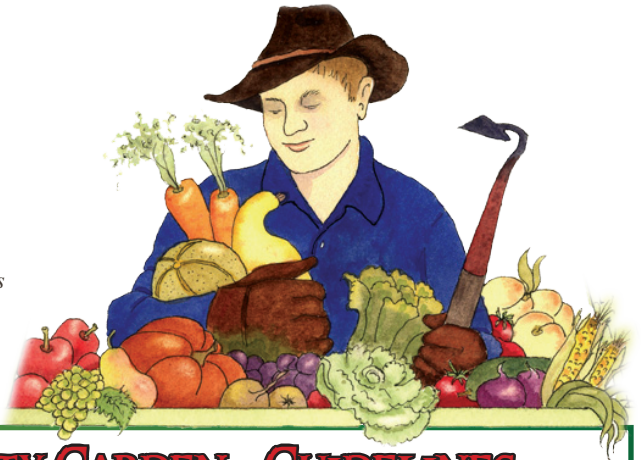


# CALAPOOIA

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*The Calapooia Food Alliance facilitates and promotes healthy, local, sustainable food production and consumption.*



## 2011 BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN - GUIDELINES

The Brownsville Community Gardens is committed to sustainable organic gardening practices. Our mission is to promote local food production and consumption to improve nutrition, fight hunger, and provide a Community Garden Site that facilitates sustainable gardening practices for the growing needs of our community.

The Community Garden, located at 331 East Blakely Avenue Brownsville, Oregon 97327, is located on 'School Zone' property; all Central Linn School District codes of conduct apply.

### School Zone -- NO Weapons, Drugs, Alcohol, or Tobacco

Gardening Hours: 7 am to dusk. 7 days a week.

Plot assignments are by availability and crop needs. Within those limits, plots are assigned on a first come, first choice basis, previous lease holders having first option on their previous plot until March 1st. Returning gardeners must notify the BCG Site Manager of intent to release plot by February 15th.

Plots are leased annually -- February 1st to December 31st.

Garden plots have water faucets for each individual garden. Water mains will be 'shut-off' for the winter months (Nov thru Mar) to prevent freeze damage to our water system.

Submit Applications and Release/Waivers to the Manager prior to plot assignment for first time gardeners and by March 1st for returning gardeners.

Garden lease holders agree to volunteer four (4) hours per month of the contracted lease. This includes assigned activities by the Manager to maintain the site, assist with the Community Garden, or the 'Free Fresh Produce' program. Any Gardener that can not perform their volunteer 4-hours per month of contracted lease can submit a request to waive the requirement to the Manager.

Gardeners are to submit monthly hrs./task performed to Site Manager, via e-mail or written volunteer log, for tracking in-kind donations.

Plots must be reasonably maintained -- weeded, watered, cleaned out, composted and either mulched or cover-cropped at the end of the season. Failure to actively maintain plots or participate in required work parties may result in a forfeit of use without refund and the possibility of no future lease. Notification of non-compliance will be conveyed by the Manager. Gardeners will have two weeks to comply prior to action.

Issues requiring immediate attention will be flagged with orange tape on the plot water faucet. Remedy is required within 72 hours or contact

Applications, Guidelines, and Release/Waivers are available on-line at [www.gocfa.org](http://www.gocfa.org), as well as additional information, opportunities and resources provided by the Calapooia Food Alliance.

NO SMOKING on site. Tobacco users are reminded to please sterilize their hands to prevent Tobacco Mosaic Disease which can spread by contact to a variety of plants and other gardens.

Be water-wise. Water conservation is our priority. No overhead watering/sprinkles. DRIP IRRIGATION, SOAKER HOSES, or HAND WATER ONLY. Water allotment is 1 hour per plot per day. Watering schedule will be set by the Manager to effectively rotate usage and pressure reductions. Timers with 'Rain Delays' are recommended. Broken timers, and hose and equipment leaks are to be repaired ASAP. Please report leaks and blow-outs to the Manager and shut off the faucet immediately. The Manager will 'flag-tag' the faucet with orange tape and notify the plot holder to assess damage and repair. Remedy is required within 72 hours or contact the Manager. The Faucet will remain off until repairs are complete.

Disease and Pest Control are essential to the health and continued productive use of the gardens. A variety of plant diseases and crop damaging pests can quickly put all of the gardens at risk as many diseases can be spread by contact, wind, and pest movement, as well as weather conditions that promote disease. Therefore, any acute outbreak that puts the gardens at risk (ie. Blight, Rust, Cucumber Beetle outbreak, etc.) must be addressed immediately with appropriate action. The plot holder is responsible for taking appropriate remedies when he/she becomes aware of an at risk condition. He/she may seek advice from the Manager but can not expect the manager to do the work or the Community Garden to bear the cost. If the at risk condition is not sufficiently abated within one week of notice the Manager has authority to remove all of the affected plants and/or debris and may declare the plot holder Non-Compliant and the leased plot forfeit. Reimbursement costs may apply.

Sale of harvested produce is limited to leased plots. Harvests from demonstration gardens and the community garden are distributed to low income programs like Sharing Hands, Senior Meals, 'Free Fresh Produce' Program, the Central Linn School Lunch program or other CFA non-profit programs.

Species on the invasive/noxious weed list are not allowed to be planted. Check with the Manager.

Weeds and non-invasive compostable debris are to be placed on the compost pile and covered with straw. Exclude crack grass, bindweed, and invasive weeds, which are to be removed from site and/or put in the trash can.

Tools and equipment are to be reasonably maintained and put away and/or locked-up.

Keep area clean and hazard free. Remove all trash and work safely with tools, sharp side down. Keep walkways clear of hazardous conditions.

Respect other gardeners and their plots. Keep garden growth, debris, dirt and mud, tools and equipment out of common areas, walkways, grass, and parking lots.

Due to site conditions, tilling of native soil is prohibited. Once your plot is developed with a one foot raised, amended bed, tilling to turn-in cover crops and soil amendments may be done with prior notification and permission from the Manager.

Pets are not allowed on site.

Report accidental damage the Manager ASAP for approved remedy and repair. Individuals will be responsible for accidental damage and/or repair costs.

Secure your valuables. Sponsoring organizations are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage on the grounds or parking area.

Please park at the east end of the parking lot, keeping the roadway open.

In case of emergency or hazardous condition contact: Anne Stein at 541-466-5081 or e-mail [scottanne@proaxis.com](mailto:scottanne@proaxis.com), Central Linn School District at 541-466-3105, or the City of Brownsville at 541-466-5666.