

Viewcrest Village Community Garden Resident Welcome Packet.

Welcome to the Viewcrest Village Community Garden.

This wonderful opportunity for families to join together and learn.

The Management of Viewcrest Village has granted the use of the area behind 3422 Almira Dr to place a community garden that will be run by the tenants who join. We will have access to an outside water faucet that will be monitored.. There will be a shared tools shed available for the tenants use (see project coordinator for keys).

Each person can select what to grow, get your children involved, and work with the residents who join the Community Garden.

You will see the layout of the plot and decide what size raised bed you wish to lay your garden (there are 4 / 10' x 4' long beds and 15 / 4'x4' sq ft beds). There will be a compost bin 4' x 4' available. The area will be fenced and maintained by the residents who join. There will be a small \$5.00 monthly fee for Seeds and Soil.

Enclosed are necessary forms to sign up for the Community Garden. All tenant packets will be kept in paper form on file and will be used solely for the Community Garden coordinator. No information will be shared.

Enclosed are the following:

- Community garden sign-up / terms of use form _____ Initial
- Community garden waiver form _____ Initial
- Community garden rules _____ Initial
- Community garden maintenance form _____ Initial
- Community garden composting guidelines _____ Initial
- Community garden planting guidelines / plant specification info _____ Initial

Resident Signature _____ Unit # _____

Thank you for joining the Viewcrest Village Community Garden.

ViewCrest Village Community Garden Resident Sign-up / Terms of Use

Welcome to the Viewcrest Village Community Garden
Where the Joy of Gardening Begins

Joining the community garden you will need to agree to the community garden rules and guidelines included in this packet.

- Residents will need to entail their contact information for the use of community garden business only. (this information will be on paper only)
- Residents must specify the size of the garden bed and the planned amount of time of use. (seasonal / yearly)
- Residents will need to designate the type and hours to volunteer (at least 30 mins/month)
- Residents must sign a waiver form.
- Residents must sign the garden maintenance form
- As a community garden residents can enjoy growing their own vegetables and herbs for their personal use. (no monies will be made on any harvest)
- Read the garden planting guidelines

Print Name _____ Unit # _____

Contact Info _____ Garden Bed Size _____

Term of use _____ Fees Paid _____

Volunteer Hours _____ Type of Help _____

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Resident Waiver Form

As a member of the Viewcrest Village Community Garden, I _____ understand that the community garden is to be run and managed by the Residents of Viewcrest Village and will not hold the Owners or the Management of Viewcrest Village responsible for any accidents or problems that may occur while participating in the Viewcrest Village Garden project located in the area behind 3422 Almira Dr, Bremerton, WA.

I understand while participating in the community garden I do so at my own risk and will follow the rules and guidelines for the community garden project for the residents of Viewcrest Village.

Residents who join the community garden must sign this waiver form regarding the use of the community garden and the safety guidelines therein.

Any and all questions regarding the community garden, its nature, risks or hazards, will be discussed with the acting community garden manager.

Any and all disputes, and accidents in or about the community garden will be brought to the attention of the acting community garden acting manager.

By signing below the Resident of Viewcrest Village and the Acting Community Garden Manager agree with the statements above.

ViewCrest Village
Resident Signature _____ Date _____

Viewcrest Village
Community Garden Manager _____ Date _____

Viewcrest Village Community Garden Rules:

Of course we have to have rules

Print Name _____ Unit # _____ Garden Bed Size _____

Volunteer Hours _____ Type of Help _____

The following is a list of the Community Garden Rules. These rules are for tenants to follow and enjoy the garden. They are intended for a community which will work together.

- Residents are required to maintain their garden beds.
- Residents need to volunteer at least 30 mins a month, for maintenance of the community garden.
- Residents are on an honor system for use of garden tools and must sign out/in with the garden manager.
- Residents should share their experience with other Residents at a bi-monthly meeting
- Residents must water their garden efficiently on an as needed basis. (Contact project manager for hose access)
- Composting should be monitored, residents will be shown what and how to compost.
- When harvesting the community garden beds, residents will need to sign up to the harvest. Any harvesting not claimed will be donated to the local food bank.
- NO PETS ALLOWED
- NO SMOKING WHILE IN THE GARDEN AREA
- Everyone must clean up after themselves
- Children are encourage to participate and must be considerate of other residents garden beds
- No invasive plants or thorn bearing plants. (ie vines, berries)
- No illegal plants
- Greenhouses are limited within your own beds and must not exceed 3' high. (this allows sun to reach other beds)

Resident Signature _____ Unit# _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

Viewcrest Village Community Garden Maintenance Form

Print Name _____ Unit # _____ Garden Bed Size _____

Volunteer Hours _____ Type of Help _____

By joining the Viewcrest Village Community Garden, you must agree to the following:

- All tenants must keep their raised maintained throughout the season
- All tenants must maintain the area around their raised beds
- All tenants must agree to volunteer in the maintenance of the community garden in and around the fenced area
- All tenants must clear out their raised garden at the end of season
- All tenants must prepare their raised garden for the next season
- All tenants must sign out/in any tools used from the tool shed
- All tenants agree to use the compost bin according to the compost rules
- All tenants agree to proper use of watering their raised beds

These maintenance rules are set to enjoy a nice area to grow your plants.

Thank you

Resident Signature _____ Unit # _____

Print Name _____ Date _____

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Composting Guidelines:

Print Name _____ Unit # _____ Garden Bed Size _____
Volunteer Hours _____ Type of Help _____

The following is a list of the composting guidelines. Please follow these guidelines so there are no invasive weeds or plants. They are necessary for a proper compost bin for future use in the garden

To create a compost pile to suit your planting needs: A compost pile is made by layering brown materials, like leaves and straw, with green materials, like plant scraps. The ratio should be roughly one part green material to two parts brown material. You can also add dry, coarse materials like sticks to help aerate the pile. Add kitchen scraps, such as coffee grounds, egg shells, vegetable peels, and scraps. **DO NOT** add any meat scraps, fats, Dairy products (it is not good for your garden and they bring rodents).

Add water to compost to keep is moist **Add worms to work your materials into compost.**

Turn the compost every three to four days to speed up decomposition.

Add compost to your garden - You can add compost to your garden in a few ways:

- **New garden beds:** Add a 3-4 inch layer of compost to the soil surface and mix it in with a digging fork or spade.
- **Existing garden beds:** Add a quarter-inch to 1-inch layer of compost to the soil surface each year.
- **Around plants:** Spread a 1-inch layer of compost around the base of perennials, keeping it a few inches from the stems.
- **Mix compost with topsoil** Mix compost with topsoil and fine sand to provide balanced bedding for vegetables.
- **Add fertilizer** Add organic or inorganic fertilizer to compensate for the nitrogen that compost absorbs from the soil.

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Planting Guidelines

Planning a garden needs a lot of thought. Learn to plant what can successfully grow in the Pacific Northwest. Yes you can grow pretty much all year here. Joining a community garden will help you learn:

- When to start your seedlings indoors for spring planting.
- How to harden plants and when to transplant to your garden beds (After the last frost dates).
- Planting directly to your garden beds.
- Plant spacing for better growth.
- Which plants can be staggered such as leafy greens for a long season of harvest.
- Which plants take longer to mature such as carrots.
- How to plant with companion plants ie: tomatoes with basil.
- Which herbs help with pest control.
- When to stagger planting for summer, fall, and winter crops.
- How to protect plants using netting, (no chemicals).
- Proper water usage. When to water / how much to water.
- Gauging soil alkaline / ph balance.
- Managing yard waste to turn into compost for the next year.
- Harvesting your crop and storing it properly for future use.