

Viewcrest Village Community Garden Share Harvest Welcome Packet.

Welcome to the Viewcrest Village Community Garden.
This wonderful opportunity for families to join together and learn.

The Harvest Share Program is designated for Viewcrest Village Residents with limited mobility (ie: elderly, handicap limitations) who wish to participate in the Community Garden but are unable to do the physical activity that involves growing their own vegetables. By signing - up for the Harvest Share Program, Residents can be involved with the community garden program outreach. When you choose to sign-up for the Harvest Share Program you will be informed on the website with updates on how the harvest is coming along, which vegetables will be available, (there will be a small enrollment fee of \$5.00 per harvest, to maintain availability and upkeep). Enrolling in this program can save you money and reap the rewards of fresh vegetables without the high cost.

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.

Please initial each of the enclosed following designating you have signed, read and agree:

- Community Garden Harvest Outreach Program sign-up / terms of use form _____ **initial**
- Community Garden Waiver form _____ **initial**
- Community Garden Rules _____ **initial**
- Community Garden Composting Guidelines _____ **initial**
- Community Garden Planting Guidelines / plant specification info _____ **initial**

Print Name _____ Unit # _____
Sign Name _____ Date _____

Thank you for joining the Viewcrest Village Community Garden.

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Resident Sign-up / Terms of Use

Welcome to the Viewcrest Village Community Garden Harvest Share Program

Joining the community garden Harvest Share Program, 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.
- Residents must sign the share the harvest rules page.
- Residents will need to choose the type of harvest they would like to have a part of.
- Residents must sign the resident waiver form.
- As a community garden residents can enjoy fresh 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 _____ Type of Harvest _____

Term of use _____ Fees Paid _____

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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.

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Resident Signature _____ Date _____

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Community Garden Manager _____ Date _____

Viewcrest Village Community Garden Rules:

Rules for the Share Harvest Community Program

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 is physically unable to work their own garden plot, but wish to enjoy part of the outreach program for the residents.

- Residents will be required to sign-up for the community outreach program in advance. (this is to ensure they will be included in the harvest schedule.
- Residents need to be either elderly or infirmed (physical restrictions) to sign up
- Residents must choose which vegetables they would like from the list on the harvest available that is located on the Harvest Schedule page of the website.
- 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.

If You choose to visit the Community Garden, The Rules below apply to all Residents:

- 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)

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Composting Guidelines:

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.