

The City of Bellevue offers P-Patch garden plots to the community at two locations: The Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station and Crossroads Park.

**2012 Community Garden:
Seasonal Plot Schedule**

Opening Date: April 21, 2012 Closing Date: October 21, 2012

2012 Plot Fees

	Bellevue Resident	Non-resident
Seasonal Plot	\$58.00	\$68.00
Year-round Plot	\$68.00	\$78.00

*Scholarship assistance is available. For scholarship information please call 425-452-6885.

Garden Locations:

Crossroads Park Par 3 15801 NE 15th St	10 Seasonal plots 3 ADA plots
Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station 15416 SE 16th St	41 Seasonal plots 35 Year-round plots 3 ADA accessible

Administrative Office

Lake Hills Greenbelt Ranger Station
15416 SE 16th St.
425-452-7225

Mailing Address

Bellevue Parks, Natural Resource Division
Attention: Community Gardens
16023 NE 8th St.
Bellevue, WA 98008-3909



2012 Community Garden Program

Lake Hills Greenbelt & Crossroads Park

Parks & Community Services

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P-Patch Program Rules & Guidelines



- 1. Plot Allocation:** P-Patches are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, with Bellevue residents given priority. The City cannot guarantee returning gardeners will receive the same plot as previous years.
- 2. Plot Notices:** Renewal registration for returning 2012 gardeners begins in early 2012. Receipts for payments will be mailed to gardeners as they are processed. Your plot number(s) will be listed on this receipt. New gardeners will need to be added to the mailing list and will be notified as garden plots become available.
- 3. Additional Plot Requests:** Requests for 2nd plots will be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis 2 months after the opening date (assuming plots remain available). Requests for 3+ plots will not be approved, except for those who already have them.
- 4. Plot Size:** Each plot measures approximately 400 sq. ft. Expanding plots outside the designated area is prohibited.
- 5. Garden Prep:** The City will till, measure, string and number all Seasonal plots by April 21, 2012. The opening date may be postponed due to wet weather, in which case notices will be posted on the Garden. Tilling may not be performed in extreme wet conditions. Individual exceptions to opening date will not be made.
- 6. Garden Care:** Each gardener is responsible for cultivating, weeding, watering and otherwise caring for their plot.
- 7. Plot Neglect:** The Garden Manager may contact gardeners of neglected plots to notify them of problem(s) with the plot. If after being contacted twice and problem(s) remain, the plot may be reassigned and a refund will not be issued. The Garden Manager may also contact gardeners if no work has been performed in their plot one month after the opening date of April 21.
- 8. Irrigation:** The City provides irrigation water, please use it wisely. Gardeners are responsible for providing hoses and sprinklers. Do not leave hoses attached to faucets or in walkways. All water use must be monitored to minimize water use and runoff.
- 9. Storage:** There is no storage available in the Ranger Station Garden for tools, supplies, equipment, materials, or any other personal belongings. There is a storage shed available within the Crossroads garden for the use of Crossroads gardeners upon request. Approved storage items are limited to personal, non-motorized garden tools (wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, hoes, etc.). Any item that is not a hand tool (fertilizer, chemicals of any kind, slug bait, fuel, petroleum products, plant matter, pots, hoses, gardening clothing, boots, etc.) cannot be stored in the Crossroads Garden Shed. All personal tools stored in the shed must be clearly marked with the name and contact information of the gardener. The City accepts no responsibility for any tools, equipment, supplies or other personal belongings in the shed. All said personal belongings remaining in the Garden Shed after the garden closes for the season on October 21, 2012 will be disposed of by the City. The shed is to remain locked at all times. A combination to a lock box containing a key to the shed will be issued to Crossroads gardeners upon request and after payment has been received.
- 10. Dumping:** Dumping, composting or storing any materials in the lawn areas, pathways or natural areas around the Garden is prohibited and will not be tolerated. All green waste can be disposed in the provided yard waste bins. Any non-green waste such as: plastic plant containers, compost bags, plant tags, any material that the gardener has added to their plots, etc. will need to be hauled away by the gardener. Rocks, sod and dirt cannot be placed in the yard waste bins.
- 11. Equipment:** Unightly debris such as plastic bags, CD's, cooking pots, milk jugs, buckets, planters, PVC piping and/or other materials that are clearly not being used lower the overall aesthetics of the Garden and must be removed.
- 12. Structures:** Tires, concrete and structures other than basic trestles are prohibited. Trestles must be taken down when not in use and/or by the closing date. Arsenic treated wood is prohibited in the garden; non treated wood may be used. Terracing above 6 inches is prohibited. Wire or mesh fencing less than 3' tall is permitted in the garden.

- 13. Power Tools:** Power tools, such as rototillers and weed eaters, are allowed only upon request and approval from the City.
- 14. Pesticides:** The use of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides) is prohibited. Slug bait if contained and monitored is allowed. Organic gardening techniques must be used; however, the Community Garden is not Certified Organic.
- 15. Smoking:** Smoking is prohibited in the Garden.
- 16. Diseased Plants:** Gardeners are responsible for removing diseased plants. The Garden Manager may also remove diseased plants from anywhere in the Garden. Smoking is prohibited to prevent introduction of tobacco mosaic virus.
- 17. Prohibited Plants:** Plants prohibited in the Garden include grasses, shrubs, trees and weeds and those on the Washington State Noxious Weed List: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/animalsAndPlants/noxious-weeds/laws/list.aspx>.
- 18. Pets:** The City discourages pets in the Garden. If pets are brought, they must be kept on-leash at all times and their waste must be properly disposed of in garbage containers provided.
- 19. Vandalism/Theft:** The City is not responsible for and cannot guarantee against vandalism or theft. Please notify the City of Bellevue Police or Garden Manager if you witness vandalism or theft.
- 20. Seasonal Plot Closure:** Gardeners in Seasonal plots are responsible for clearing their plot by the closing date, October 21, 2012. Failure to do so will result in the loss of remaining materials. Clearing includes removing all non-organic materials, such as stakes, string, wire, plastic, lumber, compost bins, and/or any other materials brought in by the gardener. The City will till and cover crop all Seasonal plots after the closing date (except for raised beds).
- 21. Year-round Plot Closure:** Gardeners of Year-round plots at the Ranger Station are responsible for winter preparation of their plots. Once Year-round gardeners have completed the harvest or their plots, the plots must be cleared of dead vegetation and cover-cropped, mulched or tilled. Gardeners of Year-round plots are responsible for year-round maintenance of their plots.
- 22. Contact:** For questions and concerns please contact the Garden Manager at 425-452-7225.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the rules and guidelines and understand the conditions of participating in the City of Bellevue P-Patch Program. I understand that failure to comply may result in non-renewal/non-approval of my application and/or termination of gardening privileges.

CAUTION! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. WAIVER OF LIABILITY/RELEASE.

To the extent provided by law, in consideration of myself and/or my child(ren) being allowed to use City of Bellevue Parks & Community Services facilities and/or participate in City-sponsored activities, I assume all risks, including risk of injury or death, associated with my or my child(ren)'s use of said facilities and/or participation in said activities. I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, assigns, and personal representatives, to waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages, including attorney fees, I now, or may hereafter have, whether known or unknown, against the City of Bellevue and its officials, employees, and agents for any injuries suffered by me or my child(ren) in connection with the use of City facilities or participation in City-sponsored activities. I acknowledge that I have carefully read this Waiver of Liability and fully understand that I am waiving any right that I may have to bring a legal action to assert a claim against the City of Bellevue for negligence.

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE: I give my permission to have photos and/or video recordings taken of me or my child(ren) for publicity purposes during City of Bellevue activities even though we will not receive compensation of any kind for appearing in such photos or video recordings. I have read, understood, and voluntarily accepted the conditions of the Waiver of Liability/Release and the Photo Release printed above. If you wish to waive the photo release, please contact the main office at 425-452-6885 or Parksweb@bellevuewa.gov.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____