



## LOPD GARDENS GARDEN PLOT

**As an LOPD Gardens participant, I agree to abide by the policies and practices set forth in this document and within the Lan-Oak Park District LOPD Gardens Rules & Regulations**

### ***I understand that:***

- Each garden plot is rented to one person who has the sole responsibility for following the rules and regulations. Family members or guests may garden in my plot, but I am responsible for their behavior and actions.
- The park district does not guarantee a certain number of gardening weeks per season.
  - The scheduled opening day of gardening is May 1 (dependent on weather and soil conditions).
  - Plots will be available for reservation in mid-April (dependent on weather and soil conditions).
  - The closing date will remain the same even if the garden plots opening date is delayed.
- The last day to garden will be October 31; the garden plots will close at dusk on October 31.
  - Garden plot rentals expire on the closing date.
  - Access/entry to the garden plots before or after the designated open dates is not allowed.
- I must provide my own gardening tools and equipment; however, personal property may not be left in my plot(s). The park district is not responsible for vandalism or theft.
- I must keep my garden plot(s) weeded throughout the entire gardening season, even when out of town.
  - I will not be contacted by the park district if my plot needs to be weeded.
  - Gardeners must maintain each plot to its boundaries.
  - Gardeners are expected to maintain the aisles surrounding their plots so that gardeners can easily traverse the garden and access the water source.
  - Gardeners are expected to weed their garden regularly and keep it neat. Neglected gardens may be removed without refund.
  - If my plot is removed, I will no longer be able to garden in it, I will not receive Priority Registration for the next gardening season and I will not be issued a refund.
- If I am in good standing and want to garden in a plot next year, I must register during the Priority Registration period, which will be stated on the park district's which will be listed in the park district's winter/spring program brochure.
  - If I miss the Priority Registration period, I will have to wait until Open Registration begins in March to register for an available plot.
- I cannot plant *Cannabis* in my garden plot(s).
- I cannot use park district property to advertise events or services. No signage, banners, or flyers are allowed.
- No solicitation of any kind is allowed on park district property. I may not sell my produce on park district property.
- By the end of the day on October 31, all non-plant materials (stakes, fencing, watering cans, tomato cages, tools, etc.) and all plantings must be removed. Any non-plant materials left behind will be disposed of accordingly. Excessive non-plant items left behind will result in the loss of Priority Registration for the following year.
- Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The park district reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.

- Smoking, use of electronic vapor devices, other use of tobacco products, and alcohol is prohibited on park district property, including the garden plots and the parking lot.
- Participants in this program are expected to adhere to all park district policies, local, state, and federal laws. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the LOPD Gardens program. Issues with other gardeners should be brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Parks & Maintenance at [mhavran@lanoakparkdistrict.org](mailto:mhavran@lanoakparkdistrict.org)

***I will also:***

Access my plot(s) only during the designated open dates/rental period, and only between the hours of sunrise to dusk.

- Park in the parking lot. Parking is not allowed in plots or on grass areas.
- Plant in my assigned plot and within the plot boundaries identified by the park district.
  - If I plant outside of this boundary, I understand that these items will be removed.
  - Plant my garden by June 15. The park district may reassign unplanted plots, without refund, after June 15.
  - Not place or leave plastic bags, rocks, string, wooden stakes, or other materials in the garden aisles.
- Transport my own water from the spigots; hoses and sprinklers are not allowed.
- Place only onsite generated weeds and garden waste in the garden waste containers that are located throughout the plots. No other garbage or waste is allowed in the garden waste containers.
- Use only organic/natural herbicides, fungicides, pesticides, and fertilizers in my garden plot. Toxic chemicals are not allowed on park district property.
- Use only my own gardening tools. Weed whackers may be used.
- Be respectful of other gardeners by keeping my garden plot neat and tidy and free of items that may disrupt other garden plot participants.
- Keep my contact information and email address up to date with the park district.
- Use my water key for only my own use. The water key must be returned to the park district by October 31.
- Show cooperation with and consideration of the homeowners backing up to the LOPD Gardens property
- Only use fabric landscaping material. Biodegradable types of fabric landscaping are preferred. Any fabric left at the end of the season must be removed.

I have read and understand the above and accept the policies, practices, rules, and regulations for the Lan-Oak Park District's LOPD Gardens program. I understand that violation of the garden plot policies, practices, rules, regulations, and guidelines may result in my removal from the program, the loss of priority registration, and/or a fine.

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Signature

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Date

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Name (Please Print)

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Plot(s) #