

## Asbury Seminary Community Garden Rules

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
2. A limited number of tools, hoses and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage bin for use during personal work times. Regularly scheduled work times will be posted on the garden bulletin board especially related to initial garden plot prep and end of harvest clean up.
3. We will be arranging either a key system or a passcode system for access to the storage shed. Each gardener will be given one key or code to the garden and the storage bin for access to tools and watering equipment. Gardeners are responsible for bringing that key each time they work in the garden. Keep storage bin locked at all times and return all tools to their proper location.
4. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times.
5. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week at minimum. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment. Not tending to your own plot endangers the work of other gardeners.
6. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited. Our desire is to honor the earth not destroy. Hand weeding practices are encouraged.
7. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only.
8. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.

## Smart Planting Practices

Seed starting is a good idea for a variety of vegetables. Here are a few pages where you can learn more:

<http://www.robsplants.com/seed/starting.php>

[http://www.savvygardener.com/Features/starting\\_seeds\\_indoors.html](http://www.savvygardener.com/Features/starting_seeds_indoors.html)

<http://www.finegardening.com/how-to/articles/ten-seed-starting-tips.aspx>

[http://www.marthastewart.com/271056/seed-starting?video\\_id=0](http://www.marthastewart.com/271056/seed-starting?video_id=0)