

Raab Park P-Patch 2011 Garden Information

WELCOME GARDENERS

The Raab Park Community Garden Program (The P-Patch) began in 2002 and is a partnership between the Washington State University Extension Master Gardener Program and the City of Poulsbo Parks and Recreation Department. The goal of this program is to provide community garden space for the public. In support of a strong environmental ethic, the Raab Park Community P-Patch is for organic gardening only.

WHAT YOU CAN GROW

Gardeners may grow any vegetables, small fruits, flowers or herbs using organic gardening practices, materials and products only. Produce may not be sold but may be shared. Gardeners are encouraged to donate their surplus produce to our local food bank. Fish-line Food Bank information is posted inside the garden shed.

PLOT SIZE AND FEE

10x10 plot \$35 annual non-refundable fee
10x20 plot \$45 annual non-refundable fee
City of Poulsbo residents get a \$5 discount

Plots cannot be enlarged; their configuration cannot be changed. Only one plot will be assigned per household (until May 1). Unassigned plots may be used for organic gardening demonstrations or to grow food for the food bank. Sign up and pay for your plot at the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation office (360-779-9898). Scholarships are available.

PLOT ASSIGNMENTS

Returning gardeners can reclaim one (1) plot if they have fulfilled their community work hours from the previous garden year, regis-

tered, paid for their plot and signed and submitted this agreement by the last day of February to the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation office.

New gardeners will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified of availability after March 1. If a plot is available, they must register, pay for their plot and sign and submit this agreement at the Poulsbo Parks and Recreation office. On May 1, if plots are still available, any gardener can rent an additional plot for \$20.

THE GARDEN SEASON

This is a year-round garden, however water service is shut off from October 31 until April 1. Community work hours must be completed by October 31 each year.

OTHER BENEFITS

There will be a Garden Orientation on April 2 from 10 AM to 12-Noon at the Poulsbo Park & Rec. In the garden, you will have water, use of hoses, some tools, cover crop seed and organic gardening information

*Please See 2011 P-Patch
Calendar on Back*

Gardener's Responsibilities

- ☼ Contribute a minimum **6 hours of community garden work** by October 31, by maintaining vacant plots and common areas of the garden. Working on your own plot does not count toward these hours. You are responsible for recording your community hours in the binder located in the shed. Work party days are scheduled for all gardeners, but gardeners may also work, on their own, to weed and spread wood chips in common areas.
- ☼ **Use only organic materials.** No processed fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides or treated wood may be used.
- ☼ Provide your own fertilizers, seeds/plants and hand tools.

- ☼ Keep your plot weeded, watered, harvested and covered or planted in the winter. Do not let weed seeds spread.
- ☼ Stay within the boundaries of your own plot. Do not intrude on neighboring plots by overspraying, watering, shading or other activities. Keep invasive, vining and spreading crops confined.
- ☼ Respect other gardeners' plots. Do not pick vegetables, fruit or flowers that are not yours.
- ☼ Keep a 2 foot area around your plot free of weeds (this 2 foot area is not considered community garden area) and all pathways free of debris and equipment.
- ☼ Use no motorized equipment in the garden except small rototillers or weed eaters.
- ☼ Remove all litter and garbage (dumpster located near restrooms).
- ☼ Place weeds, rocks and garden waste in designated areas
- ☼ Water should be used in the most cost effective way and not wasted. **Never** leave water on unless you are present in the P-patch. **Never** leave water on overnight. Water service is shut off from Oct. 31 until April 1.
- ☼ Park your vehicle in the designated space near the Youth Garden shed or in parking lot.
- ☼ NO PETS are allowed inside the P-patch.
- ☼ Please notify a site coordinator of any problems that make it difficult for you to garden or fulfill your community garden work obligation. Perhaps we can help.

Gardeners who do not follow these policies will be notified with one written warning. Two warnings, with no compliance, will result in dismissal from the program. Fees are non-refundable.

GARDENERS' AGREEMENT

I have read and agree to comply with the Garden Policies of Raab Park Community Garden (the P-Patch). Fees are non-refundable.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Print Address

Phone Number

E-mail

OFFICE USE

Plot Number

Plot Size

Fee

Received By (Parks & Rec Employee)

Date



2011 P-Patch Calendar

- Jan. 1** Returning gardeners from can begin sign up to reclaim **one (1)** plot worked the previous year
- Last day of Feb.** Deadline for returning gardeners to pay for their **one (1)** reclaimed plot
- Mar. 1** New gardeners on the waiting list will be assigned plots according to the date they signed up
- First Sat. of April 10 AM-noon** P-Patch Orientation at the Poulsbo Parks & Rec Center. Meet and greet, discuss Gardener's Agreement, soil amendments, etc.
- Apr. 16, Sat. 9AM-noon** Work party to weed and/or clear your own plot. This does not count toward your 6 hours of community garden work. Bring a snack to share.
- May 1** 2nd plots will be assigned according to the date gardeners have paid and signed the Gardener's Agreement for the current year.
- May 21, Sat. 9-noon** Community Work Party
- Jun. 18, Sat. 9-noon** Community Work Party
- Jul. 16, Sat. 9-noon** Community Work Party
- Sep. 17, Sat 9-noon** Community Work Party
- Oct. 15, Sat. 9-noon** Clean out your plot(s) and replant or plant cover crop (seed will be provided)



USEFUL WEB SITES FOR GARDENING INFORMATION:

Master Gardener Foundation:

www.kitsapgardens.org

Washington State University

<http://gardening.wsu.edu>

WSU Extension HortSense

<http://pep.wsu.edu/hortsense>

SITE COORDINATORS:

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| Julia Zander | 360-779-9850 |
| Shannon Jansson | 360-620-1616 |
| Tami Meader | 206-779-7301 |

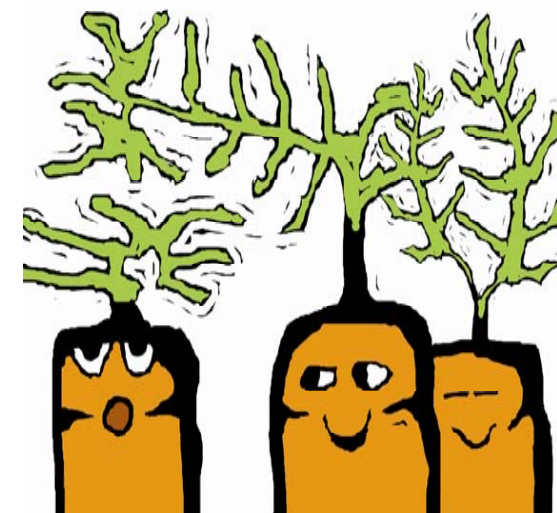


Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination.

Raab Park Community Garden P-Patch

Located at the top of Caldart Avenue
 18349 Caldart Ave NE • Poulsbo

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