

# Big Lake Community Garden Use Agreement

## 2026 Season: May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>

### City Responsibilities:

1. Prepare the garden plot for planting.
2. Stake out each plot.
3. Make water accessible to gardeners.
4. Regularly monitor gardens for neglect.

### Rules and Regulations

1. Gardeners may garden at their own convenience between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. seven days a week.
2. The Community Garden is intended for personal use only. Gardening for commercial purpose is not allowed.
3. Do not bring pets to the Community Garden area.
4. Children in the Community Garden area must be supervised at all times.
5. Gardeners are expected to keep their weeds to a minimum. All weeds, cuttings, and other debris must be either placed in the compost pile or brought home for disposal. Do not throw your weeds into walkways.
6. If plot becomes unkempt, gardener will be given one week's notice to clean it up. At that time, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
7. Garden plots may not be used to grow cannabis, illegal plants, or trees of any kind.
8. Report any suspicious activity to the Big Lake Police Department and to City Staff.
9. Plants must be contained within the boundaries of one's garden plot. Overlapping onto adjacent pathways or garden plots is prohibited. If your plants exceed your plot boundaries, they will be moved or removed.
10. Do not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellent in areas that may affect other plots. Herbicides are prohibited.
11. Plots may be fenced with fencing no more than four feet in height to protect plants from predators.
12. Portable equipment and gardening tools including hoses and materials must be removed after each visit.
13. Do not drive your vehicle into the grassy area near the gardens. Park your vehicle on the asphalt.
14. Permanent structures are not allowed in the Community Garden.
15. Please conserve water! The water supply is ONLY to be used by gardeners caring for their assigned areas. Gardeners must be present during water use. No unattended water use.
16. All crops must be harvested and all materials removed by October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Remember to remove all root balls, too.
17. The City of Big Lake has the right of full access to all garden plots at any time to ensure compliance with Community Garden Use Agreement, these Rules and Regulations are applicable laws and ordinance and, if necessary, may interrupt activities or terminate a Gardener Use Agreement for the safety and welfare of Gardeners, the public and the Community Garden.
18. The Community Gardener agrees to assume all liability and to indemnify and compensate the City for any injury or damage to persons or the premise by the Community Gardener. The Community Gardener further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City against all actions, claims, damages or demands which may be brought or made against the City's interest in the premises by reason of anything done by the Community Gardener, in the exercise or purported exercise of the right and privileges herein granted. The City may terminate a Community Gardener's use of City property under this agreement immediately upon violation of any terms of this agreement or the rules adopted in connection with the use of the Garden plots.
19. The City of Big Lake assumes no liability for accident or injury to participants or others either on or adjacent to the Garden area. Neither does the City assume responsibility for acts of vandalism or loss of plants or property due to theft.