

# **Finney County Extension Community Garden Rules and Regulations**

The primary focus of the Finney County Extension Community Garden is to increase and expand access to healthy, fresh foods.

1. Each gardener must complete a Registration form and Plot Fees are due in full before any work in the garden can begin.
2. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of each of their 10 foot x 10 foot garden plots. Gardeners must plan their garden so plants do not grow onto neighboring plots. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of each gardener.
3. A limited number of tools, hoses and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage bin for use by gardeners. Each gardener will be given the combination for the lock to the storage bin. Equipment and tools must be returned to the bin in clean condition before leaving the Community Garden. Gardeners must lock the shed when they leave.
4. Drip irrigation is encouraged since drip irrigation uses about 50% as much water and is nearly twice as efficient. Drip irrigation equipment will be available in the storage bin.
5. A small roto tiller is available for use by gardeners. The roto tiller is to be used only at the Finney County Extension Community Gardens.
6. Young children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times. Older children are encouraged to have their own plot if desired, but registration and responsibility for the plot must be undertaken by an adult.
7. The application of pesticides must follow label recommendations. Be especially careful with post emergent herbicides such as glyphosate. Gardeners are encouraged to consult with the Finney County Agriculture Agent for advice on spraying pesticides. A small sprayer will be provided in the equipment bin. The sprayer must be cleaned appropriately before returning to the bin.
8. Gardeners are encouraged to provide a portion of their produce to a local Food Pantry. This is entirely voluntary and by the honor system.
9. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material.
10. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.