



Rochester Community Garden Safe Gardening Guidelines

The Rochester Community Garden will be open to users on Friday, May 22nd.

Dinosaur Hill and the City of Rochester are monitoring the COVID-19 coronavirus epidemic closely and working with public health officials to reduce its spread. The City urges residents to practice good health habits, stay home when you or a member of your household is sick, keep a safe social distance, and take other precautions to protect yourself and others from the virus.

Anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19, or who has come in contact with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 should not come to the gardens.

We are asking all community gardeners to exercise an abundance of caution if they choose to visit the community garden and to follow these guidelines to minimize the chance of virus spread:

Sanitation

- ❖ Wash/sanitize hands before and after visiting the garden.
- ❖ Wear face coverings in accordance with the CDC recommendations.
- ❖ Wear disposable gloves and disinfect high-touch spots after each use.
- ❖ Spray bottles containing a sanitizing solution will be available in the garden for sanitization of frequently touched spots such as locks, gate, water spigot, hose, etc.
- ❖ Please dispose of any wipes, gloves or other materials you bring to the garden appropriately. Trash bins are available for this purpose. Please do not dispose of any trash in the compost bins.
- ❖ Follow CDC guidelines for food safety.

Garden Occupancy

- ❖ Occupancy to the garden is limited to 15 people total at any given time.
- ❖ No guests are allowed in the garden. Only plot owners.
- ❖ No gatherings or work parties are allowed in the garden.
- ❖ Maintain a social distance of six feet from others at the garden.

Education

- Signage regarding social distancing, occupancy limits, and sanitation will be posted on the garden fence.
- Plot owners will receive regular emails regarding guidelines and updated best practices.
- Signage and postings will include links to the CDC, Executive orders, and Oakland county health department. Resources will include info on best safe practices and food safety.
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/newsletter/food-safety-and-Coronavirus.html>
 - https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455---,00.html
 - <https://www.oakgov.com/covid/Pages/default.aspx>