

Avalon Garden Club Rules & Procedures

Members shall tend their own garden plots. In the event one is unable to tend his or her garden plot, they should notify the Program Supervisor at the Recreation Center. They will have 45 days to bring the garden plot into compliance. If the 45 day grace period cannot be met, the garden plot will be forfeited. Please note that a member's garden plot is not transferable and may not be passed on to another family member or neighbor. Garden plots shall be assigned by the Program Supervisor at the Recreation Center. Garden plots that are considered abandoned or unattended after 30 days will be sent a warning of violation of rules letter. The garden club member will then have 15 days to comply, and at the end of the 15 days if not in compliance, the garden club member will automatically forfeit their garden plot.

Standard of Cleanliness Aisle ways

All aisle ways must be kept clear at all times and may not be used for storage. Wire cages, extra stakes, plastic, and any other tools or garden supplies shall not be kept in garden area when not in use.

When a plot is not being used, cages, stakes, etc., shall be removed from plot. A garden plot shall not be left unattended for a period lasting more than 30 days.

Weed Control

- Black, clear or white plastic, at least 3.5 mm or heavier, should only be utilized as a garden plot covering during non-growing periods.. Trash bags or other thin plastic material shall not be considered as suitable material for such applications.
- All gardens shall be kept weed free during growing and non-growing periods. If you find that you will not be utilizing your garden for more than 30 days, please notify the Program Supervisor at the Recreation Center so she may fill your spot with another resident – this will help with the weed control as someone is always willing to start a garden.

Basic Gardening Practices

- No trees of any kind.
- Trellis structures, or other support structures shall not exceed 4' in height. Greenhouse or other temporary grow houses shall not be permitted.
- All trellis and stakes to support vine growing plants shall be removed during non-growing periods of gardening, i.e.: pole beans
- Gardening tools shall not be left in garden area; operators shall remove gardening tools when not in use. Garden tools including but not limited to items such as shovels, hoes, rakes, hoses, watering cans or other tools needed for garden operations shall be removed when operator is not present at garden site. Gardening tools shall be removed within 3 days of notification. Repeated offenders may be lose privileges for garden plot operation. OTOW is not responsible for tools lost or stolen.
- Individual garden plot fence structures shall be no taller than 2'-6" from grade and are may only be constructed with Greenes 16" x 8' picket border (see page 3) or similar approved material not to exceed 2'-6". Barbed wire, chicken wire, hog fence, etc. are prohibited. Garden fences installed without proper notification and meeting minimum criteria shall be removed within 10 days of notification, material not removed will be

removed by OTOW staff. Repeated offenders may lose privileges for garden plot operation.

- There shall be no permanent watering or automatic irrigation systems for garden plots.
- There shall be no permanent irrigation fixture such as spray, heads impact sprinklers or rotors installed.
- Weed, debris or other organic material generated from garden plots shall be placed in compost bins located at the West side of the garden plot. Garden plot operators will be asked to properly dispose of organic material within 5 days of notification.
- All non-organic waste needs to be disposed of properly (not in the compost area).
- No invasive species or species of concern shall be planted in the garden plot. Visit the website for the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council at www.FLEPPC.org for a list of these type species.
- Garden plot operators are not to use chemicals such as roundup or herbicides within the 150'x120' garden area.
- The use of insecticides is permitted for garden plot operation. Garden plot operators are only allowed to apply products to their specified numbered plot. Operators found making application to plots not under their care or not in accordance with labeled rates are subject to forfeiting their plot.
- Pesticides shall only be used in accordance with the label of the specified product. "The Label is the Law."
- Any items placed on poles such as scarecrows, skulls and various other items are not permitted.
- Once growing season is complete, please make sure that all remaining plants are removed and take the proper precautions for weed control.
- Garden plots shall be covered while not in use with suitable plastic drop cloth Black, clear or white plastic. Garbage bags shall not be permitted.
- Fertilizer applications shall be made in accordance with the labeled rate. Garden plot operators caught making applications of fertilizer to plots not under their care or not in accordance with labeled rates are subject to dismissal
- All gardening containers must be buried within your plot and may not exceed 6 inches above the garden plot boxed area
- Water timers will not be permitted in the Avalon garden areas
- All plastic material must be braced down with a 2x4 wood or rock material when covering individual plots during non-growing season.