

## **Garden Club Rules & Procedures**

There are two gardens for use within the OTOW communities for use by residents. They are located in the following areas:

Garden Club 99th St. Rd – Right in Front of the Water Tower

Garden Club 90th St. – Located to the left of the Post Office Boxes

If interested in starting a garden you will need to contact the appropriate contact person who is listed in the OTOW Activities Directory which is located in the front of your OTOW Phone Directory. Garden spots are limited; therefore you may be added to a waiting list. Residents may only have one garden plot per household and in one garden area only!

Members should be tending their own garden plots, in the event one is unable to tend his or her garden plot they should notify the president of that club and they will have a 90 day grace period, if for some reason you exceed the 90 day grace period you will forfeit your garden plot. Please note that it may not be passed on to another family member or neighbor. Garden plots are assigned by the president of the garden clubs. Plots that are considered abandoned or unattended to will be sent a warning of violation of rules letter and On Top of the World management will be copied. You will have 30 days to comply and if not addressed, the garden club member will automatically forfeit their garden plot. In the event a garden club member should move from the community or becomes deceased garden plots are not transferrable.

### ***Standard of Cleanliness Aisle ways***

**All aisle ways must be kept clear at all times and ONLY Organic Material may be used to keep aisle ways clear. No wire cages and extra stakes. No carpets. No plastic. Any other tools etc. need to be kept inside the plot lines.**

**When a plot is not being used, cages, stakes, compost bins etc. are allowed inside the confines of the garden plot, however must be kept organized and neat. This includes all garden plots in all gardens.**

### ***Weed Control***

Black, clear or white plastic should only be utilized for non-growing periods at your garden spot. The use of bleach bottles and milk containers shall only be utilized to hold plastic in place during non-growing periods.

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 an extended period of time please notify the appropriate contact person so that they 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***

All trellis and stakes to support vine growing plants shall be removed during non-growing periods of gardening, ie: pole beans.

Any items placed on poles such as scarecrows, skulls and various other items are not permitted.

**When structures and watering systems are not being used; they must be removed or reduced in size to not over 3 feet. This way they will not overpower the other plots that are around.**

**All Plot watering systems must have a cut off for each system that is easily located. They must be checked for leaks, and all leaks after the plot's main shutoff are to be repaired ASAP! Failure to repair a leak could require the removal of the system and/or loss of the plot.**

**All non-organic waste needs to be disposed of properly (not in the compost area). There are dumpsters throughout OTOW that could be used for this disposal.**

Please do not leave rotted vegetables lying around, put them in the appropriate areas so as not to attract varmints.

Once growing season is complete please make sure that all remaining plants are removed and take the proper precautions for weed control.

Garden plots should be covered while on vacation or during not growing season. Please cover plots with plastic!