

**City of Sheridan Public Property**  
**Community Garden Responsibilities Statement**  
**March 2010**

The City of Sheridan realizes the physical, mental, social, personal satisfaction, and economic benefits that may be realized from individual and group involvement in Community Gardens. For public gardens to be successful gardeners must be involved long term and be collectively responsible for the sites completing all work to keep the garden areas aesthetically pleasing.

For public property inclusion in the program each garden area must have oversight by a Garden Maintenance Committee with a Lead Gardener or Project Manager responsible for coordinating all site logistics and upkeep work. The following lists responsibilities of the City and gardeners.

**The City of Sheridan will provide:**

- Land, if available and determined to be appropriate per geographic location, and use and support potential
- Mulch and compost material transported from landfill to garden site
- Extension of water line and spigot(s) to site and metered water
- Property care surrounding gardens per routine city property upkeep such as turf care, trash collection, etc.
- Signage

**Community and Neighborhood Gardeners will provide:**

- Soil testing to determine soil characteristics and feasibility of success
- Manpower to keep site presentable, clean, manicured and weed free
- Fencing to delineate site and protect gardens
- Land preparation including clearing, tilling, raised bed construction, site configuration, etc.
- Natural compost only, no synthetic fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides allowed
- Tools, hoses, string, markers, support fence, etc. and a secure storage facility for items
- All seeds and planting materials
- Spring site preparations and end of growing season site clean up
- General management and oversight of area, keeping the site a valuable community asset
- Public relations efforts with neighbors and community

The Lead Gardener and Garden Committee or Project Manager should also research and have available educational material and resources, determine and review plot assignments, maintain a waiting list, perform conflict resolution, and maintain interagency cooperation. An administrative and management fee/donation may be requested of gardeners to cover above noted requirements. Food may be shared or donated to a food bank. No produce or products originating from a City public property community garden may be sold.

The City of Sheridan retains the right to reclaim public property if garden areas are neglected or underused.