

# Heideman Community Garden Guidelines

Crete Public Library District has established the Heideman Pavilion & Community Garden in honor of Jan Heideman. The raised garden beds are for recreational gardening by individuals and groups.



Please read the guidelines and direct any questions to the Garden Coordinators.

## Garden Space

- Active gardening will take place May-November.
- It is not guaranteed the Gardener will have the same raised bed year to year.
- This agreement is in effect until November 1.
- The Garden area will be locked except when in use. Gardeners will have the code to the lock, and we recommend accessing the beds from dawn to dusk. This is subject to change at any time.
- If a Gardener chooses to bring guests to the Garden, the Gardener will be held responsible for their guests' actions, including any violations of this Agreement.
- Access to the Garden may be restricted during special events.

## Garden Rules and Restrictions

- The Garden will not open until the Library announces such.
- The Garden will not be available for use after November 1, regardless of weather conditions. Gardeners must remove all belongings from the Garden by 12:00pm (noon) on November 1, or they will be considered abandoned and become the property of the Library.
- Gardeners may leave a minimal amount of supplies, such as gardening tools, next to or under their assigned bed. We recommend a bucket with a lid or an unobtrusive, small tub that can be closed to protect the contents from the weather. The shed is for Library use only.
- The Library is not responsible for any theft, damage, or vandalism to any garden bed or any supplies left in the Garden by the Gardener.
- Planting or growing of the following is strictly prohibited: tobacco and plants that require a license to grow (including but not limited to hemp or marijuana).
- The Library reserves the right to remove any prohibited plant from any bed without notice.
- No pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, or chemicals of any kind, are to be applied by any Gardener.
- Water will be provided by the Library. Watering is the responsibility of the Gardener. Water must not be left on unattended.
- Electricity is not provided or available in the Garden.
- Pets are not permitted for any reason.

- No unattended children will be allowed in the Garden.
- Smoking, vaping, and chewing tobacco are not allowed.

### **Gardener Responsibilities**

- The Gardener must promptly notify the Library of the following: any changes to the Gardener's contact information, any potentially dangerous problems concerning the Garden, or any hazards in the Garden.
- The Gardener is responsible for providing tools, seeds, and any other supplies.
- Failure of the Gardener to comply with the terms of this Agreement is cause for immediate termination of this Agreement and forfeiture of their deposit. The Library reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason.

### **Maintenance**

- Gardener must maintain the Gardener's space in well-kept condition.
- Weeds and other plant materials intended for disposal must be placed in the designated compost area.
- Watering cans must be returned to the faucet area.
- All trash and non-compostable debris must be properly disposed of outside of the Garden.

The Gardener understands that neither the Crete Public Library District, its staff, nor the Library Board of Trustees are responsible for the Gardener's actions. The Gardener and their guests agree to hold harmless the Crete Public Library District, the Library Staff, and the Library Board Trustees for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the Heideman Community Garden.