

South Zone Community Gardens Association

REVISED POLICY - Regulations for Perennial or "No-Till" Plots

The South Zone Community Garden Association (SZCGA) decided to discontinue the practice of contracting and paying for the tilling of garden plots effective 2021. Gardeners may till their rental plots, at their own expense, if they so wish. All garden plots are now considered "no-till" plots, meaning that the SZCGA will no longer arrange or pay for tilling. As all plots are now no-till, gardeners may plant some perennials if they wish.

In order to manage the use and care of no-till plots, the Board has determined that the following regulations will apply:

- Trees are not permitted.
- Perennial plants, such as (but not limited to) raspberries, strawberries, asparagus, rhubarb are permitted on all plots.
- Bushes or shrubs are permitted, subject to the following provisions:
 - Bushes or shrubs must not exceed six feet in height.
 - Suckering bushes and shrubs must be set back from adjoining garden plots at least four feet.
- Structures (such as greenhouses, storage sheds, raised beds, fences or compost bins) are permitted, subject to the following provisions:
 - Structures must be set back from all adjoining garden plots by a distance equal to or greater than the height of the structure unless the adjoining plot is rented by the same person or a member of his/her immediate family.
 - Structures, including any braces or supports, must be entirely contained within the boundaries of the rented garden plot.
 - fences between plots must not exceed four feet in height.
 - fences that permit light and air to pass through are not subject to the structure setback requirement.
 - Structures must be maintained in good condition.
 - Structures must be removed when the renter decides to discontinue renting the plot.
- All garden plots are subject to the weed/grass control provisions as set out in the agreed terms in the registration form and the guidance, policies, and direction provided on the SZCGA website.
- With respect to SZCG perennial plots which were established prior to January 1, 2017:
 - Occupants of record as of December 31, 2016, are not subject to this policy, except:
 - this policy will apply to all new structures and plantings which occur on or after June 19, 2017 (the date on which the previous perennial plot policy was approved by the Board).
 - Provisions of this policy will take effect when the plots change hands.

Approved by the Board on November 30, 2020