



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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Community Gardening Guidelines – Houghton Park and Ride/Play

The Houghton Park and Ride/Play was purchased by the City of Kirkland in early 2024 for recreational use. A **temporary community garden** has been added to the site for the benefit of the community while the City evaluates proposed long-term uses of the site. There are 28 plots which are each 40” W x 80” L at this location.

Houghton Park and Ride/Play - Temporary Pea Patch/Community Gardens

6920 NE 70th Place

Please enter the site from NE 70th Place.

1. The Houghton Park & Ride/Play Pea Patch/Community Garden opened on May 20, 2024. Due to its shortened gardening season, the 2024 annual fee is \$35 per plot. As this is a new garden and temporary in status, if available again for the following year, the registration deadline for returning resident gardeners for these garden plots is approximately February 15th of each year. After this date, plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. All participants for a plot must be registered.
2. If offered again in 2025, the annual fee will be \$55 per plot. Scholarships are available for qualified low-income individuals.
3. Priority is given to Kirkland residents. If plots are available, non-residents may be assigned a plot for the current year. If available for 2025, priority for allocation of plots will be given to the previous year’s resident users, with any remaining plots distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis to those on the waitlist.
4. Kirkland Parks and Community Services is committed to accommodating people with disabilities and will make every reasonable effort to ensure programs and services are accessible. To request an accommodation, please call us at 425-587-3300.
5. The opening day for plot use in 2024 is **May 21st**. Plot leases run for one season. Clean-up must be complete by **November 1st**. See Guideline #15 for the definition of clean-up. If offered again in 2025, the opening day for plot use is set for **March 1st**.
6. Usually, gardeners will have seven (7) weeks from the opening date (until April 22 – Earth Day) to begin work on their gardens. With the opening day for this garden as May 21st, gardeners will have (3) weeks to begin work on their garden once they officially register for a plot. After that date, **plots that are neglected will be reassigned**. During the program’s duration, any plot that becomes untended (overgrown weeds, unwatered, unharvested) for more than four (4) weeks will be reassigned. Gardeners wishing to cancel in mid-season should notify the Parks & Community Service Department office at 425-587-3330 or eParks@kirklandwa.gov.
7. All plot preparation is the responsibility of its designated user. You are encouraged to enrich your plot’s soil.
8. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, watering, and general care of the plots. Please respect adjacent plots by eliminating all weeds in the seedling stage. Gardeners are also responsible for weeding any pathway bordering the gardeners’ leased plot. Walkways and paths are to be clear of all debris at all times.

