

2023 Temporary Garden Guidelines

Overview: Community members have expressed interest in maintaining a temporary garden on their property for the purpose of growing vegetables and or flowers. The guidelines below have been established by a committee of both Homeowners and HOA Board Members. In addition to any of the guidelines below, **ALL** temporary gardens must gain yearly prior written approval by the HOA board. Failure to do so may result in violations or fines. If any of the guidelines below are found to contradict the Community Bylaws, the bylaws shall supersede these guidelines. As with any other Exterior Modification, if at any time the Garden becomes rundown or unsightly, the HOA will impose violations and fines if necessary.

Garden Size, Shape and Quantity: Each residence may maintain no more than one (1) garden, which shall be no larger than 10 foot by 10 foot square, or (2) gardens that shall be no larger than 4 foot by 4 foot square.

Garden Location: Temporary Gardens must be located in an area with as little view from the road or neighbors (usually backyard). Gardens may be located adjacent to a residence or as a stand alone element. Temporary Gardens must be at ground level, stand-alone raised gardens are not permitted. Garden location must be approved by the HOA Board.

Garden Fence: Temporary Garden Fences shall be no taller than four (4) feet tall. Fences may be constructed from metal or plastic. Fences must be suitable for garden applications (chain link or orange construction fences are not permitted) and must be approved by the HOA Board. There shall be no horizontal structure to support the top of any mesh fence. Any vertical supports (posts, stakes, dowels) must not be larger than two (2) inches by two (2) inches square. (i.e. a four (4) by four (4) will not be approved). **The intent of the temporary fence structure is to be as minimal of a visual impact as possible.** Gardens must not have any hinging door to access the plants, as this is not inline with the spirit of a temporary garden. (Example: Garden fence should not be more than four posts, one in each corner of the garden to attach the fence material to)

Garden Border: The garden may include a border for the purpose of containing potting soil. The border must be no taller than 12 inches and must be either made of stone, brick or wood.

Trellises: Trellises are permitted inside the Garden, but must be removed at the end of the growing season. Trellises and other growing aids must not exceed four (4) feet tall.

Growing Season: Temporary Gardens may be erected from April 1 to September 30. At the end of the growing season **ALL** fences, stakes, trellises and dead plants must be removed.

Additional Details: **ALL** Temporary Gardens (design, materials and location) must be approved by the HOA Board each growing season and if any additional modifications are made in subsequent seasons. **All aspects of the garden (i.e. structure materials, fences, trellises), must not exceed four (4) feet tall.** As in-line with the community bylaws, if at any

time the Temporary Garden becomes unsightly, dilapidated or overrun with weeds, the HOA will impose violations and fines if necessary. The HOA Board will reevaluate these guidelines on an annual basis and modify as necessary. Any stand-alone garden not in compliance with these guidelines is not permitted and shall be found in violation.

Examples: The images below are for illustrative purposes only and not representation of actual approved or not approved gardens. Actual garden materials, dimensions, color, size and location must be approved by the Board.

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Alternatives: Residents are encouraged to consider an alternative such as a raised bed or planters on their back porch, patio or deck.

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