



Valley Natural Foods, 13750 County Road 11, Burnsville, Minnesota 55337
952-831-1212

Co-op Community Gardens Health and Safety Policy

This safety policy is intended to demonstrate that the Co-op Community Gardens recognizes our responsibility to conduct our gardening activities in a reasonable manner and to maintain reasonably healthy and safe conditions in the Co-op Community Gardens.

For the purposes of this policy, any reference to the Co-op Community Gardens, "the garden" or "the garden site" means the general boundaries of the garden.

Gardening activities should be conducted during the regular posted business hours of Valley Natural Foods. See the posted hours on the store entry.

1. Adult gardeners are responsible for their own safety. Children of gardeners are expected to be under the control of their parent(s) or guardians(s) when at the garden site. Do not allow children to run in the garden or play on the roadway or the compost site. Young children should be escorted across the roadway if they are going to use the restrooms located in the Valley Natural Foods store.
2. If you see a hazard, unsafe condition, or situation that could result in injury or ill health, take the appropriate action. Eliminate the hazard or unsafe condition only if you are able to do it safely and are comfortable taking the action to correct the hazard or unsafe condition. Otherwise, notify the garden organizer as soon as possible.
3. Power equipment may not be used in the garden. Simply, there is not enough space.
4. The use of chemical herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizer is not allowed.
5. Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid being in the garden alone. Avoid secluded areas with high vegetation. If individuals or groups of people taunt, bother, or seem threatening, leave the situation immediately.

☀For life threatening or other significant incidents, call 911 immediately.

☀Notify the Manager on Duty or the Community Resource Developer in Valley Natural Foods should you feel endanger or are injured and need first aid.

☀For minor, non-emergency, incidents gardeners can notify Burnsville Police dispatch at 952-895-4600.

Please contact the garden coordinator as soon as possible, so that follow-up and corrective action (if necessary) can take place.

6. Do not leave garden tools at the garden site. They should be taken away from the garden when a gardener leaves the Co-op Community Gardens.
7. No fires or fireworks will be used on the Co-op Community Gardens site.
8. Drugs or alcohol shall not be consumed on the garden site.
9. Urination and defecation on the open ground is not allowed. Gardeners have permission to use the restrooms located in the Valley Natural Foods building.
10. Gardeners agree to hold harmless the Co-op Community Gardens volunteer organizers and work leaders, their partnering organizations and their employees, Board Members, Officers, Volunteers and other persons and land owner(s) garden(s) from any liability, damages, loss, injury or claim that occurs in connection with association with the Co-op Community Gardens.

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions as stated for participation in the Co-op Valley Community Gardens.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Gardener