

May children garden?

Yes, children are encouraged to learn the benefits of gardening at a young age. Please make sure children are supervised and respect the neighboring garden plots, walkways, and other gardeners.

Are pets allowed in the habitat?

Pets must remain on-leash and may not disturb/soil garden plots. Please pick up your pet's waste and take it with you.

What if I cannot care for my plot?

If you are leaving town and will not be tending your plot or if you are abandoning your plot for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible.

Utilities and Tool Guidelines

Water

There is no access to building water. Please use the water from rain barrels to water your garden plot. If you see that the water is low please contact Polaris staff so that we may fill up the barrels for use. Please secure the water output valve before leaving the grounds.

Tools

Gardeners are expected to bring their own seeds, gardening tools, hoses, and other supplies for their plots. Power tools may be used by adults, if they supply their own power. Electrical hook-ups are not provided. If you are willing to maintain other areas of the Habitat please sign up here. Tools for Habitat maintenance are available in the Blue shed. You will need to sign out keys to access the shed.

Parking

Use the designated parking area or legal street parking. Motor vehicles are prohibited from entering the community gardens or driving on the grass.

Forfeiture

Failure to follow these guidelines and maintain your garden plot could result in forfeiture of your gardening privileges. A notice will be sent via text message if a violation has occurred. You will have five days to correct the violation. If there is no response to the text your plot will be forfeited for the year.

Blue Shed Use & Land Maintenance Guidelines

- Sign in/out of the Blue Shed - this helps Polaris staff keep track of access and keys.
- Maintain main lawn, amphitheater, and pathways around garden plots.
- Clean up any community tables.
- Properly dispose of waste/trash.
- Check water barrel levels and add water when appropriate.
- Place tools back in their original position.
- Lock the Blue Shed before leaving the grounds.

Greenhouse Use Guidelines (when we eventually rebuild it)

- Sign in/out of the building.
- Avoid blocking sunlight from other plants.
- Clean up any community tables.

Only tend to your pots/plants.
Lock the door behind you.

New to Gardening?

University of Alaska Fairbanks has published "16 Easy Steps to Gardening".

[Check out their website here.](#)

The Habitat has been overgrown with weeds. Please [check out this website](#) to understand the nature of these weeds and how to help keep them at bay - chemical free.