



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
parks and recreation

Community Gardening Program **2017 Restricted and Prohibited Plants Policy**

The Community Gardening Program has created this list in response to ongoing management issues in the community gardens. The plants referenced below have aggressive growth habits, tend to take over and persist in plots, spread unwanted seeds, and have other qualities we do not want in the community gardens. Over time they present a challenge to the success of future gardeners. In the spirit of community gardens, please ensure that your plot is free from unacceptable plants; if you have questions or concerns about your or your neighbors' plots or pathways, please contact CGP staff.

Restricted Plants:

Since 2015, new plantings of cane fruit (raspberries, blackberries, etc.), grape vines, fruit trees, and other woody perennials will be disallowed. Any plots with cane fruits, grape vines, or woody perennials planted in 2014 or prior years, provided the primary gardener remains the same, will be allowed to have these species if they are properly maintained and kept within the bounds of the plot. If you would like to gain experience with the cultivation of the above species, please look to the Bloomington Community Orchard, located on Highland Ave. just south of Willie Streeter Gardens, as a resource and opportunity.

For Regular Season plot renters: perennials are plants that require more than one season to mature. Please choose annual plants for your Regular Season plots which are tilled every spring,

Prohibited Plants:

Since the start of the 2015 season, fast-growing, invasive plants including, but not limited to, *Artemisia vulgaris* (mugwort), mint species, comfrey and any plant that multiplies in such a way (by seed, rhizome, etc.) as to overtake the plot/soil as a nuisance specimen will not be allowed. The CGP staff will, at their discretion, determine if plants are invasive, or otherwise prohibited by the State of Indiana, and therefore not appropriate for culture in a community gardening setting. If you have invasive plants in your plot, ask CGP staff for guidance on how best to remove them. Please do not remove these plants from your plots and place them in the compost bins where they may proliferate and spread to other gardeners' plots.