Garden Plot Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to reserve a garden plot?
It is a $5.00 one-time, non-refundable, non-transferable fee payable to the Main Office. After applications are completed, this fee will be posted to your rental account and can be paid the same time you pay rent.

How do I sign up for a garden plot?
Garden plot sign-ups will be available online only starting March 24th at 8:00am.  
East garden plot application  
West garden plot application

How many plots are there and how big are they?
There are 150 plots available in the West Village and they are roughly 85 square feet. There are 55 plots available in the East Village and they are roughly 55 square feet.

I applied for my garden plot, what is the next step?
The West Village gardens are located on the west side of the West Village across the street from the 100 and 200 Courts. The East Village gardens are located on the west side of the East Village next to the East Community Center (ECC) and the 1200 Court. The USA Grounds department has staked the garden plots and the Garden Coordinator will randomly assign all plots to each apartment number. As soon as you receive the email with the map of assigned plots, you are welcome to start gardening in your plot.

How is the order determined for garden distribution?
Due to the ongoing stay-at-home directives and restrictions on public gatherings, the garden plot distribution process will be adjusted. Garden plots applications will be ordered randomly by apartment number (not name) and plots will be assigned by the Garden Coordinator. The map of the assigned plots will be shared electronically with all gardeners at the email you provided in your garden plot application. Flags with each apartment number will be placed in the assigned plot. Once those flags are in place, active gardening can begin.

What if I have concerns about my assigned plot?
You are welcome to contact the Garden Coordinator at gardens@usa.utah.edu. However, gardeners are not allowed to move flags or to garden in an unassigned plot. Please note that if anyone moves flags or takes over plots that have not been assigned to them, they will forfeit their right to garden for the 2020 summer season. If you have concerns/complaints about the process, you are welcome to email vggreen@usa.utah.edu

What is the next step after garden distribution day?
After your garden plot has been assigned, it is now yours to use for the season. Plots that remain unplanted after May 25th will be redistributed to residents on the waitlist. Garden plots must be completely cleaned out by Sunday, November 1, 2020.

All the garden plots are sold out, can I still purchase a garden plot?
On May 25th, all unplanted gardens will be forfeited and redistributed to those on the waiting list. The waitlist operates on a first come, first serve basis. Contact the Garden Coordinator at gardens@usa.utah.edu to be put on the waitlist.
Can I buy an extra plot?
No. Not at this time. Garden plots are limited to one plot per apartment. We will notify all residents if additional plots remain after the initial distribution.

What do garden plot volunteers do?
Thank you to those who volunteered to help with gardens this year. Due to social distancing guidelines, the volunteer opportunities to help with staking and distributing the plots could not be carried out. We will notify volunteers of any future opportunities to help out.