

## **Guidelines for Planting Gardens**

### **A. Approval**

1. With prior approval of management, a resident may plant a “garden” (meaning flowers and/or other plants) in the rear of his/her building at Parkside. Plantings along the wood's perimeters are not permitted except for pre-existing approved plantings. A resident may not plant invasive plants, such as vines or trees, nor may he/she use metal, wood, plastic, or stone borders/fencing. Only edging is permitted.
2. A resident may request approval to plant a rear garden by submitting to the management office a sketch showing location, approximate dimensions, and types and approximate number of plants. An application form is in the Resident Handbook or may be obtained by calling the management office.
3. Management has the authority to approve applications to plant gardens. If management opposes or otherwise does not approve an application, the resident who submitted the application may appeal management's decision to the Landscape & Grounds Committee for its recommendation to the Parkside Condominium Board. The Board's decision shall be final.
4. As part of the approval process, the resident must notify and request comments from neighbors by posting the garden application on the laundry room bulletin board for a 10-day period.
5. If a resident desires to expand the area of his/her approved garden, a reapplication is necessary.

### **B. Gardens Subject to Removal by Management**

Management may remove, disrupt, or destroy a garden if a) the garden has not been maintained properly, as determined by management; b) the garden was planted without the approval of management; or c) maintenance, improvements, or repairs to the common elements require the removal, disruption, or destruction of the garden. In such cases management will make every effort to notify the owner in advance. Management shall not be liable for any damages incurred as a result of removing, disrupting, or destroying a garden.

### **C. Gardening Tools and Supplies**

Gardening tools and supplies may not be stored on balconies, patios, or other common elements. The management office is not permitted to lend gardening tools or supplies to residents.

[NOTE: When gardening in containers on balconies, residents must take into account the structural integrity of buildings and the concerns of neighbors on lower levels. All balcony gardens are subject to review and removal by management.]

## **Pesticide Use Guidelines**

When residents handle, mix, apply, store, and dispose of pesticides (i.e., weed-killers, insecticides, fungicides, etc.), they must follow the instructions on the manufacturer's label. The manufacturer's instructions on the pesticide label are the legal requirement for pesticide usage. Suggested Pesticide Information Sources:

- University of Maryland/Ext. Service Home & Garden: 1-800-342-2507.
- Brookside Gardens: 301-949-8230.
- Nurseries and Local Garden Centers.
- Manufacturer (numbers are usually on the label).

Procedures for disposal of pesticides are usually printed on the label. Montgomery County Transfer Station (Dump) will accept pesticides two times per month. Please call for specific dates and locations (301-840-2370).

**APPLICATION FOR PLANTING A GARDEN**  
**(Please print clearly)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: H: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ W: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of garden (if different from unit address):  
  
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(Please include rough sketch with approximate dimensions below):

I am aware of the guidelines for planting gardens and I will maintain my plot in keeping with those guidelines.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature