

# DISCOVERY GARDEN GOLDEN RULES

TO: Skagit County Master Gardeners      FROM: Garden Managers

Please remember that **good teamwork** at the Garden means that you should “do unto master gardeners as you would have other master gardeners do unto you.” Taking time to **be considerate of your MG colleagues** will allow everyone in our MG community to have a positive experience when engaging in activities at our Discovery Garden.

## Discovery Garden Golden Rules

1. **Scheduling events in the Discovery Garden.** Garden Managers coordinate garden activities and have oversight of garden use. Any proposed activity or event to be scheduled or conducted in the Discovery Garden by any master gardener must be discussed with the Garden Managers prior to scheduling. This allows us to avoid conflicts and ensure needed resources are available.
2. **Park** in designated spots in the parking lot or in the grass field. Please **DO NOT PARK** on either side of the “Volunteer Display Garden” sign, in the gravel fire lane between the Rose Garden and the highway, or next to the NW gate.
3. **Mark personal items you bring to the Garden** with your name (e.g., tools, water bottles, jackets, etc.). Be sure to collect all personal items and take them home with you.
4. **Sign In & Sign Out** so we know who is in the Garden in case of an emergency.
5. **Potluck/Bag Lunch.** Collect your potluck dish or bag lunch items, as well as ALL personal belongings, immediately after lunch and help tidy up the Pavilion area. If you borrow service ware (plates, mugs, utensils) from the lunch bin or Shed, be sure to wash them and put clean items in the dish drainer at the Shed sink or return them clean & dry to storage.
6. When you use **DG tools**, be sure to clean them and return them to their proper storage location – treat them with the care you would want for your own tools.
7. Please remember that **our Garden Managers are NOT your mother.** Do not expect them or someone else to tidy up after you.
8. Take a few moments to **lend a hand** if you see another master gardener who is struggling with a task.

**Our Discovery Garden PURPOSE** is to inspire, interest, and educate the public.

**Our Discovery Garden GOAL** is “reduced labor through targeted projects.”

## A Few More Guidelines to Remember

- **Safety first** – if you are in the Garden alone, be aware of your surroundings.
- If in doubt about where your help is most needed, **check the posting** on the Shed door or contact our Garden Managers.
- **If you don’t know** where something is located, ask another MG or check with one of the Garden Managers.
- If you notice that common supplies are running low, please notify one of the Garden Managers.
- **Chop garden waste** you deliver to the composting area.
- If you participate in our **Workday lunches**, bring your own service ware (plate, fork, cup, napkin) to reduce waste.
- Tools, dishes, and other items without a name will be donated for Garden use or another worthy cause.
- Keep the **Shed doors closed** if you are working in the garden on a day other than Tuesday.
- If you think you are the last person in the Garden, please be sure to **lock up**. This applies to Workdays and any other day you are in the Garden.