

Judea Garden Guidelines for Volunteers

Weeds:

- Remove all the roots with the weeds. Many will grow back from roots left in the soil.
- Remove before they flower and go to seed to minimize weeds in subsequent seasons.
- Shake off as much soil as you can. It makes the bucket lighter and keeps the good stuff in the garden.
- Do not put weeds in the compost bin.
- Weeds are dumped outside the Garden in the marked area, down the path opposite the gate.
- Use buckets and/or wheelbarrow.
- Use the seat/kneeler in the tool shed for your weeding comfort.
- If you are not sure if it is a weed – leave it.

Rocks

- Please do not put rocks in paths or in grass – they make walking and mowing dangerous.
- Rocks can be left in bucket by gate.
- Don't worry about the small ones; they won't harm in the long run.

Beds

- Please do not step in the beds. It compresses the soil limiting root penetration

Water Tanks

- Water is turned on and off inside the Garden. Please do not adjust the valves on the tank.
- Water is gravity fed so the pressure is not what we are used to at home.
- Unwind hose all the way before watering.
- Keep nozzle below height of valve.
- If water doesn't come out:
 - Check board to make sure tank isn't marked as empty
 - Check brass nozzle to make sure it isn't clogged with dirt
 - If using tank with splitter, make sure that additional valve is open
- If still a problem, please write the number of the tank on the board.

Watering

- Water low and slow.
- Hold nozzle down at soil level so you don't get leaves wet. Be careful of water splashing up on leaves.
- Deep watering is the key to deep roots so take your time and water deeply.
- A quick shallow watering will harm the plant more than help it.
- Most plants need ¼" of water a week. Check board for rain fall amounts.
- Tip: Coil the hoses while water is still on but nozzle closed. This helps reduce kinks.
- As you pull hoses to different areas, use wooden stakes to keep them out of beds.
- The best time to water is early morning or evening.

Task Board

- Check the task board on the back of the kiosk for work that needs to be done.
- Check for rainfall amounts.
- Check for various messages

Journal

- Write in the journal after each visit to help keep a record of work completed or observations made. i.e. Areas weeded or watered. Types of plants/seeds planted. Damage to plants or beds possibly from insects or animals. Insects – names or description and where you saw them. Flowers, fruit or germination.

Tools

- Shovels, rakes, pitch forks, hoes, cultivators, etc. are all available in the tool shed hanging on the walls.
- Hand tools are on the shelves.
- Please wash off tools before putting them away using the metal brush on wall and/or water.
- Hats and gloves are also available for use.

Harvesting

- The harvesting schedule is based on the distribution schedule. Please do not harvest any vegetables without the go-ahead.

Trash

- There is a trash barrel near gate, but take what you can.

Reference Books

- There are books on the shelf in tool shed to help identify insects, diseases and their damage as well guides to growing vegetables (such as spacing, etc.)

First Aid Kit

- There is a first aid kit in the tool shed on the shelf.

Communication

- Notes on task board
- Website: www.steeprocksoc.org
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SteepRockAssoc?ref=hl>
- Email: info@steeprocksoc.org

