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 as 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.steeprockassoc.org
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SteepRockAssoc?ref=hl
- Email: info@steeprockassoc.org