



# GARLAND COUNTY LIBRARY

## **Garland County Library Community Garden & Park Garden Beds Checkout Frequently Asked Questions Updated 8/21/2023**

The Garland County Library Community Garden & Park's Raised Garden Beds are available for checkout, starting September 1st, 2023.

To get on the waiting list for the Raised Garden Beds, thoroughly read this FAQ and then place a Garden Bed on hold like you would any item in the library! Unlike most items, there is a review process. A member of the GCL Adult Services Team will contact you within two (2) weeks. When contacted you will be asked to review the policy and fill out and sign an agreement form.

### **Where is the Community Garden and Park located?**

Located along Banks Street, between the upper parking lot of the Garland County Library and the RIX Professional building on Malvern Avenue.

### **What is the Garland County Library Community Garden & Park for?**

To provide an area that our community can gather in a beautiful, natural space and share their love of nature, gardening and books.

### **Is there a map and pictures of the garden?**

Yes, check out [gclibrary.com/grows](http://gclibrary.com/grows)

### **What are the operating hours for the garden?**

Sunrise to Sunset!

### **How many Garden Beds does the garden currently hold?**

There are forty-two (42) beds. Some are reserved for library programming; most are available for the public for checkout.

### **How big are the Garden Beds?**

The Garden Beds measure 2' wide x 8' long x 3' tall giving patrons 48 cubic feet to work with!

### **Who is eligible to check out a Garden Bed?**

A patron checking out a Garden Bed must be at least 18 years old or have parent permission, and have a Garland County Library card in good standing. Patrons must also fill out and sign an agreement form.

### **Can I check out more than one bed?**

No, there is a limit of one (1) bed per person.

**Will my friends and family have access to my Garden Bed?**

Yes, family and friends (including supervised children) are welcome to use and help care for the bed, however, the individual (adult) person who fills out the agreement is ultimately responsible for the Garden Bed.

**How long are the checkouts for a Garden Bed?**

Garden Beds check out for a period of six (6) months at a time, on a seasonal basis. Spring garden dates March through August; Winter garden dates September through February.

**What can be grown in the Garden Beds?**

Most fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, and other plants are allowed. Invasive, poisonous, perennial, or illegal plants are prohibited and will result in a loss of privileges.

**What is provided with a Garden Bed?**

The beds are full of dirt! Some communal tools may be provided on a first come, first served basis. These should be cleaned and left on library property after use. There is also a water hookup available next to the Garden Beds. (It has a bright red handle). Users are encouraged to survey the garden and beds and assess how they will make use of it and what tools they will need before doing anything else.

**How long do I have to start planting something after I check out a bed?**

Patrons will have two (2) weeks from the day of checkout approval to show activity within their respective Garden Beds. Patrons will also have a two (2) week period at the end of their six-month checkout to remove any fruits, vegetables, plants, materials, tools, etc. from their Garden Bed.

**What are the rules for pesticides?**

Patrons should use natural pesticides and herbicides.

**What else is prohibited?**

Tobacco, drugs, alcohol, fire, and power tools.

**Are there any other rules to keep in mind?**

A neglected, weedy, or unkempt Garden Bed may result in loss of your bed. You will be contacted and will be offered one week to remediate the bed before loss of privileges. Users should also not touch, interfere with, or offer unsolicited help to other people's Garden Beds. Users should not attempt to move or alter their bed in any way.

**If I have any other questions, who should I contact?**

Please email the GCL Adult Services Team at [adultservices@gclibrary.com](mailto:adultservices@gclibrary.com)

**What next?**

If you have reviewed this FAQ and wish to check out a Garden Bed, place a hold here:  
<https://bitly.ws/T49o>