



## **Fishers Parks & Recreation Community Gardening Program 2017 Restricted and Prohibited Plants Policy**

The Fishers Parks & Recreation Department's Community Gardening Program has developed this list in response to best management practices in the community garden at Cyntheanne Park and/or other City-operated community gardens. The plants referenced below have aggressive growth habits, tend to take over and persist in plots, spread unwanted seeds, and have other undesired qualities in the community gardens. Over time, these plants present a challenge to the success of future gardeners. In the spirit of community gardens, please ensure that your plot is free from unacceptable plants. If you have questions or concerns about your or your neighbors' plots or pathways, please contact Fishers Parks & Recreation staff.

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**Restricted Plants:**

- I. Cane fruit (raspberries, blackberries, etc.), grape vines, fruit trees, and other woody perennials will be disallowed.
  - a. *Perennials are plants that require more than one season to mature. Please choose annual plants for your regular season plots which are tilled every spring.*

**Prohibited Plants:**

- I. Fast-growing, invasive plants including, but not limited to, *Artemesia vulgaris* (mugwort), mint species, comfrey and any plant that multiplies in such a way (by seed, rhizome, etc.) as to overtake the plot/soil as a nuisance specimen will not be allowed.
  - a. The Fishers Parks & Recreation and/or Department of Public Works staff will, at their discretion, determine if plants are invasive, or otherwise prohibited by the State of Indiana, and therefore not appropriate for culture in a community gardening setting. If you have invasive plants in your plot, ask for guidance on how best to remove them. *Please do not remove these plants from your plots and place them in the compost bins where they may proliferate and spread to other gardeners' plots.*