

(Updated 4/11) GARDENING INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS 2011

Basically, your duties will consist of tidying up the 5 gardens – the West Street Garden; Peace Pole, Bike Rack area and Heron Garden on Washington Ave; and the Memorial Garden in the triangle area. Pull weeds, pick up trash, and deadhead flowers. If you are not certain if something is a weed, it is ok to leave it for the next gardener to ponder. On occasion, you may need to water an area (the area under the overhang in the Heron Garden often does not get sufficient water even after it has rained). Bring your gardening gloves, trowel, clippers, kneeling pad, and old plastic bags for trash. A copy of these instructions will also be in the big Ziploc bag with the faucet handle.

A. Supplies: there are gardening supplies at FUUSA, most of which are kept in the storage shed on West Street (hoses, rakes, clippers, shovel, pitchfork, broom, sprinklers, trowels, brown garden waste bags, and Washington Ave. faucet handle). There's a padlock with a blue dial on the doors; the combination is: **3 times to the Right, to 38; left past 38 to 20, Right to 14**

There is also a watering can(s) – under kitchen sink

B. For hose usage*:

- 1) Washington Avenue side: there is a faucet below the air conditioner/office windows in Heron Garden. You will need to use the sprinkler or a hand wand to water the terraced area.
To use the faucet, you will need to get the handle, screw and screwdriver from the plastic Ziploc bag in the hose reel compartment stored on the facing wall in the shed on West Street. You will need the screwdriver to attach the handle to the faucet. Please do not tighten the handle too much - it is susceptible to cracking. Also, please do not lose the screw.
Important – make sure the handle has a black washer inside it– the washer has been known to fall off and then we've had building leaks!
- 2) West Street: we have a new outdoor faucet: If you walk down the wheel chair ramp on West Street and look straight ahead - there is a faucet along the side of the building, where there is a cement platform covered by wood. If the handle is not on the faucet, it will be in the storage shed with the other gardening supplies. This faucet can be used to connect hoses to water the Memorial garden and the West Street garden.
- 3) The Peace Pole garden and the garden behind and to the right of the bike rack are best watered with a sprinkler (also in the shed), which can be connected to the Heron faucet.

Disposal of weeds should be in a brown recycling/organics bag (the large brown paper bags). They can be left on the West Street curb just past the garden by the tree that's right next to the street; the city picks them up regularly. Trash bags can be deposited in the large trash bins behind the building on the West Street side.

*Amended instructions will be sent out when/if we put down soaker hoses.

Note: if you come on an evening or on the weekend, you will likely not have access to the building, but bring the combination to the padlock on the West Street shed and you'll have access to the hoses and gardening supplies. Questions: contact Paula Moskowitz (pgmosk@earthlink.net or 439-6347).