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LAND USE, BUILDING AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR ALLOTMENT GARDENS

The City of Vantaa leases areas where associations can engage in cultivating allotment gardens. An **association** that has concluded a lease with the city **shall ensure that these instructions are followed; act as a contact with the city;** and, when required, notify farmers of defects; and ensure that the defects are remedied. The association is obliged to notify the City of Vantaa in writing of any changes in the contact persons and contact information.

Use of allotment garden

You must cultivate and manage your allotment garden well. You must place plants in such a way that they can be managed on the site in question and that they cause no harm to other cultivators. You can only use allotment gardens for cultivation.

Plants that can be cultivated

Non-indigenous species do not originally belong to Finnish nature, but are detrimental, spreading species (e.g., lupine, *impatiens glandulifera* and hogweed). It is forbidden to plant and cultivate non-indigenous species in allotment gardens.

<http://www.mmm.fi/fi/index/etusivu/ymparisto/luonnonmonimuotoisuus/vieraslajit.html>

In addition to useful plants and flowers, you can grow at max. 1.5-meter berry bushes in the allotment garden, but no other trees and woody, so-called decorative bushes. You must plant perennial plants sufficiently far away from ditches and pathways. You may not cultivate any plants or seeds from abroad in the allotment gardens.

Structures and constructions

You can build a small composter and storage box for garden tools, as well as 30-cm-high supports around plant beds. You can use gauze or build a temporary plastic tunnel for pre-cultivation of plants. The maximum height of the above-mentioned constructions may not exceed 100 cm. You may not build fixed barbecues or other constructions (e.g., greenhouses, fences, pergolas, tiling, terraces, etc.) on the site or in connection to it. It is forbidden to bring indoor furniture to the allotment garden.

You may not store building materials (e.g., timber, tiling, plastic or firewood) on the site. During the cultivation period, soil and fertilizer sacks, water containers as well as harvesting containers, etc., may be stored concentratedly on the site or in a storage box.

After the cultivation period, you must remove all movable property from the allotment garden; you can only leave a storage box, composter and large water-collection containers.

Composting

You must compost all degradable waste generated in the allotment garden. Likewise, you must take all undecomposed waste (plastic and glass packages, etc.) away from the allotment garden.

Management of the area

The association is responsible for weeding. No chemical plant protecting agents or pesticides may be used in cultivation. You may not build open fire on the site. You may not block open ditches. Associations that lease allotment gardens from the city are responsible for ensuring that the landscape remains clean. Coppicing of unleased allotment gardens and areas between them must be prevented.

Sources:

<http://www.hel.fi/www/helsinki/fi/kulttuuri-ja-vapaa-aika/muu-vapaa-aika/mokit-ja-viljelyspalstat/viljelyspalstat/viljelyspalsta-ohjeet>