



## **Project Rules:**

1. Gardens will be planted at the participating 4-H members' home or residence in either a raised bed(s) or an at-grade garden.
2. Gardens should be planted by June 1<sup>st</sup>. *With Nevada weather, always watch the weather forecast for late May and early June freezes and take the appropriate precautions such as covering your garden.*
3. Gardens will be judged on or around September 1<sup>st</sup>. *Traditionally there is usually an early frost around Labor Day Weekend or earlier, however if precautions are taken, your garden may be able to continue growing throughout the month of September.*
4. 4-H members will need to keep a record of the following throughout the summer (June 1 – September 1):
  - a. Garden Map
  - b. Dates when seeds/plants were put in the garden
  - c. Harvest Information
    - i. Date Harvested
    - ii. Type of crop(s) harvested
    - iii. Approximate amount harvested
5. Plan of Use
  - a. This plan of use should tell the judges what your goal was for your garden when you began and then the results of what your garden was actually used for, and if you met your goal. *(i.e. To feed my family, to sell to community members, to give to Senior Citizens, to sell at a Farmers Market, etc)*

## **Judging Criteria**

1. Cleanliness of Garden
  - a. Is the garden free of weeds, trash, and other unnecessary debris?
  - b. Is the garden organized and labeled?
2. Size and Health of plants
3. Productivity of plants
  - a. Based upon Appearance and Harvest Information Records
4. Plan of Use

## **Supplies Needed:**

You are expected to generate your own supply list including a list of the plants that you wish to grow. Here is a list of some of the supplies you will likely need but you will also need to do a little research on your own to determine what supplies you will need to properly grow a successful raised or at-grade garden.

- Garden Plot (either raised bed or at-grade)
- Garden tools (shovel, hoe, rake, possibly a rototiller)
- Water Source with hose(s), sprinkler(s), or drip hose(s) for watering
- Plants/Seeds for your garden plot
- Season Extenders (Row Covers, Wall o Waters, hoop houses, etc)
- Trellises (For things like cucumbers, pole beans, vine tomatoes, pumpkins, etc)



The UNCE Eureka County office will fund your garden up to \$300.00 and you can purchase your supplies from the hardware store in Eureka (Eureka True Value Hardware). You first will have to have your supply list, which cannot exceed \$300.00, approved by the Adult Volunteer administering this program. Once you have your supply list and general plan approved, you can then work with the hardware store to have your supplies ordered. The hardware store will then bill the UNCE Eureka County office. If you are unable to pick up your supplies, please contact the UNCE Eureka County Extension Educator, Frederick Steinmann, or the UNCE Eureka County 4-H Coordinator, Lynn Conley, in the UNCE Eureka County Office (775.237.5326) and we make arrangements to have your supplies delivered to your house.

## Garden Plants/Seeds Recommended

\*Plants (these vegetables will do best if planted as a started plant)

- Tomatoes
- Peppers (Sweet or Hot)
- Potato Starts (Sweet Potato, or any other type of potato)
- Onion Sets (Red, White, Yellow)
- Cabbage
- Optional (these vegetables can be directly sewn for a fall crop, or planted as plants for an earlier crop):
  - Broccoli
  - Cauliflower
  - Brussel Sprout

\*Seeds (these vegetables will grow directly sewn in the garden):

- Kale
- Lettuce (Head or Loose leaf)
- Spinach
- Greens
- Herbs (Basil, Oregano, Thyme, Cilantro, Dill, Borage, Sage, Chives, Rosemary, etc)
- Corn
- Turnips
- Summer Squash
- Winter Squash
- Pumpkins
- Cucumbers
- Green Beans (Pole or Bush)
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower
- Radishes

## Other Information:

- Raised Beds could consist of 4'x4', 4'x8', or 4'x12' beds.
- At Grade Beds - any size although it is still recommended to keep the sizes to a 4x4, 4x8, or 4x12 plots for ease of care