



**Irish Acres Homeowners Association  
Architectural Review Board (ARB)  
Guidelines for Vegetable Gardens**

In accordance with Article V, Section 5.1.2.d of the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Irish Acres, Irish Acres Homeowner's Association Architect Review Board (ARB) hereby establishes and approves the following guidelines and standards for:

**Backyard Vegetable Gardens**

**ARB Review Required.** Backyard Vegetable Gardens are permitted in Irish Acres Subdivision only within an ARB approved backyard fence. Prior to the planting of a new garden for spring, summer, fall or winter, a plan showing what types of vegetable plants are being planted needs to be submitted for ARB Review and Approval. This new guideline is required in order to enhance, maintain, and preserve the value of the properties.

**Backyard Fence.** A backyard vegetable garden is only permitted within an enclosed backyard fence that will serve as a buffer so the garden cannot be seen from the road or neighbors.

**Garden Size Restriction:**

- 1 Acre and below: 1% of the backyard area only
- 1.1 to 2 Acres: 1.5% of the backyard area only
- 2.1 to 3 Acres: 2% of the backyard area only
- 3.1 Acres or more: 3% of the backyard area only

**Other Specific Restrictions:**

1. Vegetable plants must not exceed 4 ft in height whether planted in the ground or in a raised/boxed bed.
2. Trellises may not exceed 4 ft in height – measured from the ground (not raised/box bed).
3. Vegetable gardens must always be maintained and free of weeds.
4. Composting is not permitted.
5. All garden debris must be removed off site immediately and not stored/piled anywhere on the lot.
6. When the garden is no longer being utilized for vegetable plants, the area must be resodded.

**Existing vegetable gardens will be grandfathered in until January 1, 2024. After that date, for the 2024 growing season all backyard vegetable gardens must comply with these guidelines.**

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew Rudnianyn July 13, 2023