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VICTORY GARDENS

With spring just around the corner, many of us are naturally thinking and planning for victory gardens. Having heard all the rumors regarding the fertility of the Washington soil, we are all anxious to see for ourselves what can be produced. In this, our third year of the war, victory gardens are, of course, more important than ever before. Having our own gardens is another way we can help in bringing this war to a victorious conclusion.

The Company is now surveying and setting aside acreage on the outskirts of the community to be used for victory gardens and within the near future, this ground will be available for cultivation by the residents of Richland. We are outlining below general information on this subject which we feel will be of assistance to those who are interested in the cultivation of a victory garden.

1. Vegetable gardens will not be allowed in the yards of homes and must be confined to the plots allotted to individuals for this purpose. This regulation is necessary as the service water supply of the community is not adequate to handle this extra drain. Incidentally, the acreage that is being made available for victory gardens is far more fertile and better for gardening than that found in your own yard.
2. Garden plots may be obtained without cost to the individual, however, the cost of purchasing seeds and garden implements, and the responsibility for planting, cultivation, etc., must be assumed by the individual to whom the plot is allotted.
3. Gardens will be assigned as close as possible to the home of the gardner. All garden plots will be allocated through the "Victory Garden" agency to be set up by the Service Department.
4. Families will be given first choice in the allotment of victory gardens; each family being eligible for only one plot. A plot will consist of approximately 500 lineal feet for cultivation. Any acreage remaining, after allocation to the families of the community, will be available to other residents who are interested in gardens.
5. The services of an individual who is familiar with the gardening in this area will be obtained to assist Richland gardeners in the planning, planting, cultivation, and irrigation of their victory gardens.
6. All residents will be notified as soon as plans have been completed for the administration and allocation of victory gardens.
7. Until a permanent agency has been set up, it is suggested that Mr. S. B. Badgett, Richland Housing, be contacted regarding further information on the subject. He is located in Building #713, Phone 121.
8. Attached you will find a questionnaire to be completed and returned at the earliest opportunity to Mr. C. A. Sullivan, Richland Housing. This questionnaire should be completed whether or not you intend to have a garden.

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