

Garden Hoses

at Charles Street Gardens

Hose Storage

Make sure to always neatly coil your hose and store it within your raised bed, some hoses come with a handy storage hook or you can use a wood post next to the bibb [see image]. DO NOT keep your hoses stored on the pathways where they are considered a trip hazard and can often be damaged by foot traffic, carts or tools.



Hose Types

An expandable, flexible, or light-weight hose is the best hose for use in our raised beds. 25 feet in length is the maximum allowed for your CSG raised bed. Our irrigation pipes are made of PVC plastic and we have found if you tug hard on a tough hose attached at the hose bibb, it will crack the irrigation pipes underground which are costly and difficult to repair.

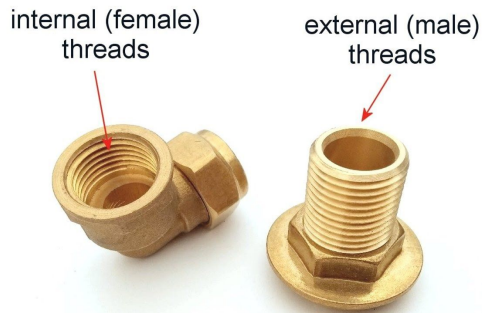


Teflon Tape Application

[HOW-TO APPLY TAPE VIDEO HERE](#)

Consider wrapping Teflon tape around *male* or *external* threads on connectors, which helps prevent leaking and dripping, even small leaks can be very costly to our garden over time. It's relatively inexpensive so consider buying a roll to share between your Row gardeners.





Avoiding Aluminum Fittings

Certain types of hose fittings can become fused to the brass hose bibbs which are the fixed faucets at each of your raised beds - this is a result of [Galvanic Corrosion](#)

If you are connecting a new hose, make sure to avoid aluminum fittings/connectors and choose brass fittings instead. Plastic fittings will work ok, but they can crack and leak easily, so plan to eventually replace them or purchase a hose with brass fittings.



Hose Valves

A on/off valve is fine to have on your hose fitting for the prevention of slow drips. However, NEVER use this as the sole on/off switch for your water source - ALWAYS turn your hose off at hose bibb.



Thank you for being considerate and helping to maintain our garden irrigation system!

