

2020 Guidelines - Harrisburg Community Garden

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Mission: Create and maintain a community garden space where neighbors come together to grow vegetables, flowers and herbs while sharing techniques to promote a sustainable, local food system. The community garden and its members foster community building, healthy eating and collaboration of ideas while accepting and celebrating diversity.

Governing Authority: Harrisburg Community Garden Management Team

Garden Applicant: If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions.

Plot fees, plot management, and pathways:

- I will take possession of my plot once the Community Garden Application is approved and the annual fee is paid.
- The annual fees are as follows: 4'x8' = \$50, 4'x12' = \$75, 10'x10' = \$100. There are no refunds.
- Rental Period is March 1 through February 29 - Payment is due on or before March 1
- Renewal forms will be sent to current gardeners by February 1st. Gardeners will pay the annual renewal fee by March 1st in order to secure their plot for that year. If payment is not received by the deadline, the plot will be reassigned.
- Once I have been assigned a plot, I will begin managing my plot and surrounding pathways within 30 days. Tilling, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting and the cleaning of each plot is the sole responsibility of the assigned gardener.
- I will not expand my plot size. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases. I am responsible for maintaining the 3 foot pathways surrounding my plot.
- I will assist with maintenance and weeding of Common Areas such as pathways, entrances, parking area and the mulch/compost containment area.
- Plant materials removed from your garden plot can be placed in the mulch/compost containment area in a separate pile from the wood chips and leaves which are used for mulching garden plots.
- I will not make duplicate keys of any locks or give my key or lock combination to others.
- If I am no longer able to participate in the community garden, I will contact the Harrisburg Community Garden Management Team so the plot can be reassigned. I will clean the plot before vacating. If the plot is not left neat and clean, the gardener will be billed for any fees incurred in the cleanup of the plot.

Water hoses, spigots, tools:

- Hoses and spray nozzles will be provided by the Management Team.
- I will leave all nozzles open so pressure does not build up. During the growing season I will ensure that the garden hoses are stored near the frost free water spigot and in a manner to avoid kinks in the hose. I will turn off the spigot when I am finished watering.
- The irrigation system will be drained and shutdown for winter between November 15 and March 1 to avoid damage from frozen pipes. All hoses will be secured in the storage shed and the water meter locked.
- Tools are the responsibility of each gardener. Community tools are available if needed.

- Community tools are located in the storage shed and should be returned when not in use. This includes the wheelbarrows, hoes, rakes, shovels.
- Any tools I bring from my home I will take back home or secured in the storage shed at my own risk.
- Any repairs to garden infrastructure (fencing, water system) are the responsibility of the Harrisburg Community Garden Management Team. Please notify the Management Team of any issues. Repairs will be made in a timely manner to prevent any inconvenience to gardeners.

Water, pesticides, mulches, trash, plants:

- I will water my plot according to water conservation guidelines.
- I will utilize organic mulches to conserve water and reduce weeds in the garden area.
- I will remove all trash and other materials from the garden/compost areas on a regular basis.
- I will harvest only from my plot unless I have explicit permission from another gardener.
- I will only use garden decorations and structures which enhance the community garden.
- I will utilize pathways for observing other gardens.
- I will keep all plants within plot boundaries.
- I will not use plastic mulches
- I will not use **Synthetic Pesticides**.
- I will not plant any poisonous or illegal plants.
- I will not dump trash/refuse outside of the designated areas.
- I will not plant excessively tall, sprawling or invasive plants.

Garden meetings and garden workdays:

- I will attend the Annual Community Garden Meeting - Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10:00am
 - Meeting will be at the Garden. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the Harrisburg Presbyterian Church.
- I will participate in mandatory garden workdays on ...
 - Saturday, April 4, 2020
 - Saturday October 3, 2020.
 - If I am unable to attend either workday, I will contact the Garden Leadership Team to schedule an individual workday.
- I will make a concerted effort to attend regularly scheduled or community garden meetings.

Guests, children, pets, vandalism and courtesy:

- Children and guests are welcomed and encouraged to learn in the garden.
- My guests/children will follow the Harrisburg Community Garden Guidelines and I am solely responsible for their behavior.
- I will respect other gardeners and I will not use abusive/profane language or discriminate against others.
- I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs or gamble in the garden.
- I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed within the fenced garden area. Service animals are permitted as required by law.
- The Garden Management Team cannot guarantee protection against vandalism or theft. Any vandalism or theft should be reported to the Garden Management Team and the Cabarrus County Sheriff's office when appropriate.
- Political signs/advertisements are not permitted on the garden property
- I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property.

Commitment and remediation process:

I understand breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of my plot.

1. You will receive an initial warning from the Garden Management Team (verbal, email, phone and/or text).
 2. If corrective action has not been taken in two weeks, you will receive a second warning.
 3. If corrective action has not been taken in the subsequent two weeks, you will receive final notification that your garden plot and privileges have been forfeited.
- *After one year and at the discretion of the Management Team, you may be allowed to re-apply for another garden plot.*
 - *The Management Team has the right to expedite the remediation process for egregious violations.*

My Pledge: I will work to keep the community garden a happy, secure and welcoming place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly, loving manner.