



## GUIDELINES FOR COMMUNITY GARDENERS

### YOUR GARDEN SPACE

1. Organic gardening practices are required. Garden pests and plant diseases can spread quickly in a community garden. Only organic methods of treatment may be used, such as handpicking, row covers, and use of organic pesticides. You may treat only your beds however you may notify the Program Coordinator if you notice pests and disease in other beds.
2. A fee of \$50 per bed, per year is required at time of rental. The term of use is from April 1 – March 31.
3. Returning gardeners may renew their beds annually, if desired. Renewal fee is due by Jan 31.
4. Please plan to visit and tend your garden bed at least twice weekly. Frequent attention helps to minimize weed and pest problems and helps you get to know your fellow garden members.
5. Plants and structures including plant supports and decorations must not obstruct pathways, grow onto fencing or grow into other beds without prior permission of program manager.
6. Plants and trellises should be kept at heights so as not to block sun from other gardener's beds.
7. Do not plant mint or other invasive perennials, which are difficult to eradicate for the next gardener. Mints and other herbs may be cut from the pollinator beds around the gardens.
8. Beds may be cultivated year round. Gardener is responsible for eliminating weeds year round. If you choose not to garden in winter it is recommended that you cover the soil to deter weed establishment and growth. Contact the Program Coordinator if you need information on winter gardening, cover crops, mulching or soil covers.
9. Please help maintain a pleasant space by ensuring your beds, the surrounding pathways and the communal areas are kept clean, neat and free of debris, gardening supplies and weeds.
10. Program Coordinator will inspect all garden beds regularly. If your garden bed is excessively weedy or untended, has an excess of rotten produce or is in any other way in need of attention you will be contacted by email with the Coordinator's concerns. If no response within 48 hours gardener will receive a phone call. Gardener will have 2 weeks from date of initial contact to address the Coordinator's concerns. If a gardener does not correct the cited problems or make other arrangements with the garden coordinator before the 2 week warning period expires their beds will be forfeit.

## COMMUNAL GARDEN SPACE

1. Gardens are open dawn to dark, 7 days a week.
2. Unwanted plant material may be added to the communal compost bins as long as it is mostly disease & pest free. Heavily diseased or pest infested plant materials and weeds should be placed in trash.
3. Water and hoses are provided. Unattended watering is not allowed. After use please coil hoses and return to their starting position ready for the next gardener. Water should be turned off at metal spigot and nozzle left open to allow drainage and reduce pressure on hoses.
4. Please respect your fellow gardeners and do not remove or disturb anything in their beds – including weeds – without permission. What looks like a weed to you may be valuable to someone else!
5. The Program Coordinator will organize work days for weeding and mulching communal spaces, turning compost or planting and maintaining the pollinator and perennial food border. Gardeners are encouraged to volunteer at these workdays to help maintain our shared space.
6. Gardeners may add their own organic compost and fertilizers as needed and desired.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are not allowed in the gardens.
2. Agreements are for exclusive use of the assigned beds.
3. Please park only in designated parking areas. Do not park vehicles on grass.
4. Damages to facilities and/or property, non-payment and not abiding by the guidelines set forth above are cause for cancellation/withdrawal of this agreement by Greenville County Rec
5. Personal pets are not allowed within fenced garden area with the exception of service animals.
6. All persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the programs, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of Greenville County Rec without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
7. Gardener releases Greenville County Rec from any liability and holds Greenville County Rec harmless from any claims resulting from the use of premises.

I understand that Greenville County Rec staff has complete authority to close down any facility. I have read and do understand the terms and conditions of this garden agreement, and do hereby agree to abide by all applicable rules and regulations.

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Signature

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Date