



## 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. Treat only your own beds. You may notify the Garden Coordinator with concerns about pests and disease in other beds.
2. A fee of \$55 per bed, per year is required at time of rental. The term of use is from April 1 – March 31.
3. Current gardeners may renew their beds annually.
4. Spring cultivation must start by April 30 or bed may be forfeit to someone on wait list.
5. Please plan to visit and tend your garden bed a minimum of twice weekly. Frequent attention helps to minimize weed and pest problems and helps you get to know your fellow garden members.
6. The Garden Coordinator reserves the right to demand removal of certain diseased plants to minimize future contamination of soils and lessen spread to other garden beds.
7. Plants and structures including plant supports and decorations must not obstruct pathways, grow onto fencing or grow into other beds without prior permission of Garden Coordinator.
8. Plants and trellises should be kept at heights that do not block the sun from other gardener's beds.
9. Do not plant mint or other invasive perennials, which are difficult to eradicate for the next gardener. Mint is available for anyone to harvest from the children's and perennial beds.
10. Beds may be cultivated year round. You are responsible for eliminating weeds year round. If you choose not to garden in winter, it is recommended that you cover the soil to deter weeds. Contact the Garden Coordinator if you need information on winter gardening, cover crops, mulching or soil covers.
11. Gardening supplies may not be left in the pathways due to mowing and tripping hazards. Please help maintain a pleasant space by ensuring your beds, pathways surrounding your beds and the communal areas (including water stations, garden tools, benches, and compost area) are kept tidy.
12. Garden 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. If you fail to respond within 48 hours gardener will receive a phone call. You will have 2 weeks from date of initial contact to address the coordinator's concerns. If you do not correct the cited problems or make other arrangements with the Garden Coordinator before the 2 week warning period expires, your beds will be forfeited.

## COMMUNAL GARDEN SPACE

1. Our parks are open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.
2. Unwanted plant material may be added to the communal compost piles as long as it is mostly disease & pest free. Heavily diseased/pest infested plant materials **and weeds** should be placed in trash.
3. Water and hoses are provided. Unattended watering is not allowed. Water should be turned off at metal spigot and nozzle left open to allow water to drain and reduce pressure on hoses. After use, please coil hoses and return to their starting position, up off the ground, so hoses are not damaged during mowing.
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 Garden 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 work days to help maintain our shared space.
6. Gardeners may add their own organic compost, soils 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 and Greenville County Parks, Recreation & Tourism from any liability and holds Greenville County and Greenville County Parks, Recreation & Tourism harmless from any claims resulting from the use of premises.

I understand that Greenville County and Greenville County Parks, Recreation and Tourism 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