



Community Garden Guidelines and Rules

Member Responsibilities:

1. Have fun!
 - In addition to having the opportunity to grow your own food, there is also opportunity to talk with and learn from other gardeners. Enjoy the community atmosphere and enjoy the experience.
2. To respect the garden plots of others.
 - Pick crops from your garden only, unless you have made special arrangements with another plot owner.
 - Organize the planting of your own crops so they will not sprawl into a neighbor's garden.
 - Do not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellants that will affect a neighbor's plot.
 - Use the walkways provided. Do not walk through the garden plots of others.
3. To maintain the garden plot throughout the growing season.
 - Have something planted in the garden plot by the end of May and plan to continue to plant and/or harvest through the end of October (weather permitting).
 - Regularly weed the garden plot and maintain a neat appearance in the garden plot.
 - Dispose of weed and plant material in designated areas at the community garden site. Keep all walkways free of debris. This includes plant material, litter and rocks.
 - Clear the garden plot at the end of the season. This includes plant material as well as any fencing or decorative garden pieces.
 - Contact the garden manager if, for any reason, you are not able to continue to maintain your plot through the growing season.
4. Volunteer your time at the community garden site. 12 hours of volunteer time is recommended throughout the growing season. You may want to help during:
 - Spring work days to set up gardens and/or construct raised beds
 - Weed whacking of areas around the garden plots and raised beds.
 - Help with mowing the walkways.
 - Help to maintain and/or manage the composting bin(s).
 - Fall work days to help to close the gardens for the winter.
 - Check notices posted at the garden site or emails to learn of additional needs at the garden site.

Garden Site Housekeeping Items:

- The community garden site is open from dawn to dusk during the growing season.
- Water is available from the rain barrels at the site. Garden plants are hand watered, from the supply in the rain barrel.
- Gardeners will not be permitted to use the well hydrant. Rain water collection barrels will be filled from the hydrant in the event of a dry season.
- Portable restrooms are available at the community garden site and may be used by community garden members.
- In-ground plot corners are clearly marked by stakes. Please do not remove these stakes as they mark the boundaries of the garden plots. Gardeners may add their own fence around their garden plot. Fences may not exceed 4 feet in height and will need to be removed at the end of the season.
- Gardeners must abide by the Noxious Weed Laws of Pennsylvania.
http://www.ehow.com/list_6305155_pennsylvania-noxious-weed-control-laws.html
- The garden plots need to be cleared for the winter when the garden manager indicates that the gardens are closing for the season. This includes plant material, decorative material, row markers -anything added by the gardener during the season.
- Family members are welcome to come to the garden site. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Children are encouraged to participate in the gardening experience, but also need to respect the plots of others. Children should not walk through or handle the crops in any of the other garden plots.
- Gardening tools may be stored in the shed at the site and should be clearly marked. The community garden manager is not responsible for lost or stolen tools. See the garden manager if you would like to use the shed to store your tools.
- Produce from the gardens may not be sold, as the community gardens are not intended to be a commercial venture. There is, however, a plot set aside for the food bank. If anyone would like to participate in helping to maintain that garden, please contact the garden manager.
- If a gardener does not maintain his/her garden according to these guidelines, the community garden coordinator will notify the gardener of the problem. The gardener will have the opportunity to comply with the guidelines. If the gardener does not agree to comply with the guidelines, membership may be terminated.

*He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate -
Bringing forth food from the earth. Psalm 104:14*