



Community Garden Rules and Conditions:

Please note that the rules and conditions set forth below are intended to ensure that everyone has a productive and enjoyable gardening experience. Please read carefully and contact the Community Garden coordinator if you have any questions or concerns.

- 1.) You do not own your plot. The land and plots are owned by Crosspointe Community Church and not the members.
- 2.) You are being given an opportunity to garden a small parcel of land on the church's property. Use of your plot is a privilege, not a right.
- 3.) Members must maintain their plots in an acceptable manner. Please exercise diligence in maintaining your plot in an acceptable manner. Successful garden requires active management including digging, sowing, planting, weeding, pruning, watering, and harvesting. In general, members will need to devote at least two hours per week during the growing season.
- 4.) Members should be careful around other member's plots (and ensure that children and guests do so was well). Gardening activity and plant growth must be restricted to your plot.
- 5.) Members should not take or pick anything from another gardener's plot. You may not remove ANYTHING from anyone else's plot without their permission. Theft will not be tolerated and will result in a permanent revocation of garden membership privileges.
- 6.) Members are not allowed to plant trees or shrubs. Plantings in the Community Garden shall be limited to vegetables and ornamental (flower) planting only. Nothing may be planted that will grow taller than a corn stalk. Perennials are planted at your own risk.
- 7.) Standing towers, fences and walls are not allowed. Fences, structures, walls, or any construction or assemblage of materials that encloses a plot or intrudes on another's is not permitted. Nothing in the plot may be erected, placed, or planted that is higher than a typical corn stalk. Only one side of any garden plot can have vertical trellis-like, open, airy structures for supporting climbing vegetables, vines, or flowers. Poles, stakes, cages, and other supports that are used for plants are allowed. Please do not erect anything that could interfere with access to or create shade on a nearby or adjacent plots.
- 8.) **ABANDONED OR INACTIVE PLOTS WILL BE CLEARED AND FORFEITED.** We will contact you if a plot looks untended. Weeds gone to seed are one example of abandonment. The gardener will then be given time to remedy the situation. If not corrected, the plot will be considered abandoned, and will be cleared or roto-tilled and assigned to another gardener. No refunds will be issued for abandoned plots.
- 9.) **NO CHEMICAL PESTICIDES ALLOWED.** All gardening activity must be completely, 100 percent organic. No synthetic/chemical herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, or synthetic fertilizers are permitted on the site, including treated wood products used as edges/borders, unless prior approval is obtained from the Community Garden Coordinator.
- 10.) **NO FERTILIZER ALLOWED.** The use of animal feces, non-vegetable matter (such as meat, fish or dairy), kitty litter, newspapers, grease or other non-organic matter is strictly prohibited.

11). NO PETS ALLOWED IN THE GARDEN AT ANY TIME.

12). YOU MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE SAFETY ATTIRE WHILE GARDENING. Shirts and closed-toe, low heeled, rubber sole shoes are required to be worn at all times while gardening.

13). CLOSELY SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN. Children under the age of 12 years of age should be closely monitored so that they do not wander or enter another gardener's plot area. Running is not allowed in the garden area.

14). EACH GARDENER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WEEDING HIS/HER PLOT AND THE PATHS AROUND IT. Plot borders should be kept to the standard 10 x 10 so as not to encroach on pathways or other plots. Pathways between plots should be clear. Personal gardening tools/equipment should be stored in your plot or in a shed or common storage area, not in the pathways. Vegetation from plots should not hang into pathways.

15). DISPOSE OF YOUR WASTE MATERIALS EACH TIME YOU LEAVE THE GARDEN. Trash receptacles are provided on-site for this purpose. Plant waste should be disposed of in the following manner: Shake dirt off the roots and retain soil at the garden site. Dispose of plant waste in the compost pile located at the northwest corner of the site. Non-Plant waste, such as plastic, wire, rope, etc. should be disposed of in the green trash barrels provided around the garden site. Wood boards that are the same height as the green cans may be placed within the cans. Taller boards should be placed neatly next to the cans. Do not put rocks or cement chunks into the green cans. Lay them neatly next to the cans or near the rock pile at the site so that they may be used as part of the community flower bed borders.

16). DISEASED OR PEST-INFESTED PLANTS SHOULD BE REMOVED. Ongoing control of pest grasses and weeds is required at all times.

17). HOSES SHOULD BE TURNED OFF WHEN NOT IN USE. YOU TURN IT ON, YOU TURN IT OFF. EVERYONE IS CONSIDERED THE LAST VISITOR OF THE DAY. Before leaving the garden, each gardener is responsible for checking to make sure all hoses are completely turned off, unless making specific arrangements with another user. When using hoses, take care not to damage other garden plots and when finished watering, please untangle and neatly curl up hoses. Never water another's plot unless you have been asked to do so.

18). HARVEST ALL RIPE FRUIT AND VEGETABLES ON A DAILY BASIS.

19). THE DEADLINE FOR HARVEST OF ALL PLANTS IS NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10TH.

20). RENTED PLOT MUST BE CLEARED OF ALL DEAD PLANTS AND PREPARED FOR WINTER NO LATER THAN THE 15TH OF NOVEMBER. After that date, all remaining plants will be mowed, and the site may be roto tilled. Planting of bulbs, or any other perennials is done at your own risk.

21). Crosspointe Community Church reserves the right to close the garden as needed, without notice, for inclement weather, maintenance, and repairs.

I attest that I am at least Eighteen (18) years of age, and that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above-outlined Rules and Conditions for Membership to the Greenwood Community Garden. I further understand that failure to follow the Rules and Conditions for Membership to the Greenwood Community Garden may result in my garden privileges being revoked and/or my garden plot(s) being reassigned