



2020 GARDEN RULES

HOURS: Every day from sunrise to sunset.

NO ONE is allowed in the garden after dark. Cameras are in use.

If severe weather is coming, everyone must leave the garden.

Alert – Because of Coronavirus pandemic, EVERYONE must have gloves and masks. This will remain in place until further notice. Gate will remain open so virus will not spread through handling.

. These rules are to ensure a peaceful environment:

1. **“Love your neighbor as yourself.”** Gardeners are expected to treat other gardeners and garden staff with courtesy and respect.
2. **Communications** about meetings, etc. will be posted on the Message Board beside the entrance, and on the Facebook Gardeners Group. Please check regularly for new information.
3. **Waiver Forms.** ACF must have a signed waiver form for everyone who works in your garden plot. If you want to add someone, please contact the director for another waiver form.
4. **Children must be with parent.** No children may be left unattended or unaccompanied on the garden site.
5. **Organic only.** No chemical sprays or artificial fertilizers are allowed. You will be asked to leave the garden if these are used. If you have problems with insects or plant disease, please ask for help. We can give you guidance or consult with the Ohio State University Extension Service.

6. ACF may assign unattended plots to someone else.

Any plot that is unattended with rotting vegetables or overgrown weeds for more than 2 weeks may be assigned to someone else. If you are sick, going on vacation, or have a valid reason for not being able to take care of your plot, please contact the director.

7. Gardeners may NOT sell or give their plot to anyone else without permission from the director.

8. Keep paths clear and keep vegetables inside your plot area. Plant within the boundaries of your own plot, allowing enough space for growth.

9. Gardeners must contribute 12 work hours to the farm.

The owner of each garden plot (or a family member) must contribute at least 12 works hours per year to the needs of the farm. There will be a “Jobs List” on the Message Board by the entrance and also on the Facebook Gardeners Group. Please talk with the director to determine what job you will do.

The 12 work hours must be completed by November 15. If you want to return next year and haven't completed your hours, you will need to pay \$10 per unworked hour.

10. FARMERS MARKET

We will have a Farmer's Market every Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 pm starting July 8 to September 30. If you want to sell vegetables, you will need to fill out a vendor form.

11. Food Bank Donations

Gardeners are encouraged to donate extra vegetables to the Food Bank. We will take the vegetables to the Food Bank every Thursday morning, after the Farmer's Market on the previous day. A box will be available at the Market.

12. Do not steal. Anyone who steals vegetables from someone else's garden will be expelled and lose all gardening privileges. Cameras are in use.

13. No alcohol, drugs, smoking, or firearms are permitted at the site.

14. Weeds and Trash must be regularly cleared from each plot and the paths between plots. Put weeds into compost bins, and trash into the trash bin.

15. Compost Limit: 2 wheelbarrows per garden plot.

We will have other means to fertilize plots as needed later in the season. Wood chips can be spread on the paths. Please respect the fact that all gardeners want to share the compost – do not take more than your share.

16. Roll up hoses and hang them on the pipe or fence.

17. END OF SEASON

You are responsible for cleaning your plot at the end of the season. Remove all sticks, string, plastic, etc. by October 31, or when growing is finished.

EQUIPMENT

The Garden has hand tools and wheelbarrows for gardeners to use.

- 1) Access is first-come/first-served.
- 2) Garden tools and equipment should be cleaned and returned to the shed as quickly as possible so others can use them.

TILLERS: Ask for assistance. Gardeners must be trained to use tillers.

Tillers are extremely expensive and cannot be replaced easily. If a gardener breaks this equipment due to irresponsible use or abuse, they will be responsible for paying for repairs and may lose equipment privileges.

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