

Flourishing Families Community Garden

Rules & Regulations

As a volunteer or member of the Community Garden you will be expected to uphold the rules and regulations listed below in order to protect the crops grown, garden facilities, organization and other volunteers. You are to remember the reason for the garden and the purpose of the establishment.

Purpose

The purpose of the Flourishing Families Community Garden is to grow organic, low cost food; teach sustainable gardening skills and food preparation techniques; and aid in feeding our target group with food they have helped grow in their community. The clients of Flourishing Families as well as other low-income and homeless in Clarksville, Montgomery County are our target group and will be the recipients of the food that is grown. Classes and other training events will be provided in order to teach our community how to use other sources of foods for meals.

Goals

The goal of the Flourishing Families Community Garden is to provide unity, knowledge, and reduce hunger within the community, with a focus on the homeless and low-income families and individuals as the main target.

Requirements for Harvesting

Flourishing Families Clients who wish to receive food from the garden are required to work in the garden 3 hours per week. Additional Garden Volunteers are needed to sustain the community garden. However, grown food will only be provided to eligible volunteers based on the discretion of Flourishing Families.

Excess food will be donated to other organizations within Clarksville/Montgomery County who assist in feeding the low income and homeless in our community.

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Below are the rules by which the Flourishing Families Community Garden will govern. This garden is not a lease garden; all plots will be used for the target group.

Governing

The Garden will grow food year-round.

The Flourishing Families' Community Garden Committee has the duty of enforcing the rules and making decisions for the garden.

They have authority to resolve conflicts, including refusing a volunteer or dismissing a current volunteer under safety or irresponsibility circumstances.

Please check the website for a map showing where your plot is, as well as information concerning the garden - problems, classes, information, and notices. Feel free to post information you have and leave messages for other volunteers there. Reminder the website for posts is: www.flourishingfamilies.org.

You are responsible for your own plot and hours of volunteer work (contributing to the upkeep of the whole garden.)

Safety

The garden should be a safe place for the community, children, and other volunteers. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden.

Teach your children to respect the plots and not to waste water.

Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw, and hay are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Remove any non-organic mulch by closing day. No wood chips as mulch. They do not biodegrade quickly. Black plastic is allowed to be used to heat the soil or incubate the plants.

Herbicides (weed killers), and pesticides prohibited.

Do not drive into the garden area.

Garden Conduct & Etiquette

All volunteers must fill out a waiver to work within the Community Garden.

Children are welcome and encouraged in the Garden, with parental supervision. Anyone under 18 shall require parental permission to garden.

Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for all in the garden community is important for reoccurring volunteers. For this reason, observe the rules of the garden, and be a good neighbor.

All members must maintain good conduct and civil behavior at all times.

Unresolved issues or disputes between volunteers will be referred to the coordinators or garden board.

The garden is not available for commercial use; you may not sell your produce. Harvesting must be reported to the Garden Manager to ensure proper donation.

No dogs, cats, or other animals shall be allowed in the Garden.

Smoking is prohibited within the Garden property.

If you use the garden's tools, please return them to the storage area or Supply Specialist when finished.

All trash shall be placed in an appropriate receptacle located on site.

Please only contribute organic materials to the compost pile on site.

Consequences of Rule Violations

The cooperation of **all** volunteers is needed to ensure that Flourishing Families Community Garden runs smoothly and that we can maintain our obligations to the community and those in need. If a volunteer violates the agreed-upon rules, the Committee will address the violation as follows.

Conduct violation procedures

Contact with the primary offender will be made at the garden or via electronic communication to resolve the issue.

For issues that cannot be resolved:

1. If a violation is noted, the Committee will send the primary offender a **first notice** by mail, indicating the problem and the deadline for correction: 10 days from the postmark date.
2. If the problem is not corrected by the first-notice deadline, the Committee will issue a **second and final notice** by mail. It will restate the problem and indicate both the deadline for correction (10 days from its postmark date) and the consequences of failing to correct the problem: **immediate dismissal from volunteerism.**

Sponsorship and Donations

Flourishing Families Community Garden plans on having plots and sponsored areas for community support. Businesses will be able to sponsor a plot which will place their name on the plot in support of our mission for this community garden. Below are the levels of sponsorship:

Exclusive Sponsor – \$10,000

- All of Harvest Sponsor benefits, plus:
- Exclusive “Presenting” status on all publications and electronic marketing for garden and events.
- Designation of garden produce to a particular shelter or non-profit with-in target community.
- 6 Tickets to any of the events for the garden

Harvest Sponsor – \$5,000

- All of Blossom Sponsor benefits, plus:
- Corporate logo on Flourishing Families Community Garden Facebook page
- One honorary garden row
- 4 Tickets to any of the events for the garden

Blossom Sponsor – \$1,000

- Corporate name/logo included on select marketing collateral
- Website links to corporate site
- Corporate logo on garden sign and t-shirts worn by children while working at the garden

Green Thumb Sponsor – \$500

- Corporate name/logo included on select marketing Material and on the Garden sign that will be posted on-site.

Table and Bench Sponsor – \$500

- Sponsor’s corporate logo will be placed on a table and two benches for use by visitors and volunteers at the garden site.

Adopt-A-Row Sponsor – \$300

- A limited number of extra garden rows will be prepared for adoption by people or businesses within the community. A sponsoring business may choose to provide the maintenance on the adopted row.

Garden Tools Sponsor – \$100

- This sponsorship provides tools for volunteers to use to maintain the garden. The garden tool sponsors will be recognized on a plaque on the garden tool shed.

Volunteer Opportunities

Members of the community are invited to adopt a row in the garden in which they will be responsible for the maintenance of that row to include, but not limited to, weeding, watering and harvesting.

Community members and businesses are invited to sponsor a week of volunteer garden maintenance. The volunteer sponsors will receive recognition at the garden site.

Each volunteer will be provided with instructions and a code of conduct in order to maintain the integrity of the garden.