



Grove City Community Garden Rules

Please review the rules and direct questions or comments to the Grove City Parks & Recreation Department at 614-277-3050. **Community garden plots are available to Grove City residents only.** Please help us focus on the “community” part of the garden by following the following rules and gardening etiquette to help keep the gardens safe, clean and pleasant for all participants.

All gardeners are:

- Required to complete a registration form and pay a plot fee of \$20 (4'x10' plot) or \$30 (4'x12' plot) for the season by April 1 of the planting year or until all plots are reserved. All applicants must be age 18 or older. Plots are available on a first-come, first-served basis with an early registration period for returning gardeners. A waiting list is generated after all plots are filled. Only one plot per person is permitted; additional plots may be made available if space permits.
- Required to complete five hours of volunteer work within the community garden per season (weeding in between the beds, picking up trash, mixing compost bins, etc.). This is based on an honor system. Don't be afraid to put in a little extra time to make this endeavor successful!
- Required to bring their own tools including hoses or other items needed to maintain their plot. No storage is available, so gardeners must be prepared to take all tools with them at the end of each gardening session.
- Required to sign and file a liability release prior to starting the garden. Failure to do so will result in the loss of garden space for the season.
- Limited to planting only annual plants, such as vegetables, herbs and flowers in the garden plot. Avoid aggressive plants, such as mints, ground covers or other fast-spreading plants that take over an area. Consult with staff if you have questions by calling 614-277-3050.
- Responsible for maintenance of their own plots. Please make arrangements for someone to maintain your plot any time you are unable to do so. Contact a garden monitor if you need help or have questions.
- Required to remove all plants, weeds and non-plant materials (string, wire, fencing, plastic, stakes, etc.) from the garden area at the end of the gardening season. No items can be stored at the garden. If your garden is not cleared out by Nov. 30, plot privileges may be canceled for the next season. For your convenience compost bins are provided for garden waste only. Please do not bring food, compost or other waste from your home.
- Expected to refrain from using pesticides or herbicides within the garden area. Utilize safe practices to avoid harming people, plants, animals and important pollinators. Use mulch coverings to suppress weeds and maintain garden moisture.
- Responsible for gardening only from dawn to dusk.
- Asked to report theft or vandalism to the garden co-leaders and police. A list of emergency numbers is provided for your convenience.

Gardening Reminders:

- Use common courtesy and be considerate of garden plot neighbors. Please supervise children in the garden. Do not pick anything from another gardener's plot without their express approval.
- Please do not bring pets while you are gardening. Service animals are welcome.
- Occasional garden meetings may be scheduled throughout the season to promote communication and process improvements. These will be communicated through shared group email posts.
- Violation of Community Garden Rules could result in loss of plot privileges. Violators will be contacted by phone or email and given two weeks to resolve issues.
- There is no trash service at the Community Garden. All trash that is not biodegradable plant waste must be removed from the site by the gardener. Trash is strictly carry in, carry out.
- Have FUN!