



## Franklin County International Harvest Garden Rules

1. Each gardener is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting, trash pick up and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Failure to do so may result in loss of gardening privileges.
2. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
3. Each gardener must complete a Release of All Claims form before work in the garden may begin. Gardeners must provide phone and/or email addresses at which they can be readily contacted. If the Garden Coordinator is unable to reach the gardener and/or the gardener does not respond to communications after more than one attempt, their plots may be reassigned to someone else.
4. Garden plots should be cared for once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks, that plot may be reassigned.
5. The use of herbicides (chemical weed killers) in the garden plot is prohibited.
6. Garden plots will be awarded in the order applications are received. Preference for next year's plots will be given to participants who cleared and cleaned their assigned plot by November 1.
7. Gardeners may only grow and harvest vegetables and flowers from their plots.
8. At the end of the growing season, but no later than November 1, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot(s) of all non-perennial plant material, debris and trash and leaving the plot as they found it at the time of planting.
9. If any of these guidelines are violated, the gardener will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. If the violation has not been addressed and remedied after one week's time, the gardener may lose gardening privileges.
10. All gardeners are asked to donate a portion of their produce to local area food pantries. The Garden Coordinator will facilitate this, and will collect and deliver food to the pantry. If a plot is not attended weekly, produce may be harvested from the plot and donated to local area food pantries.
11. Gardening may be done during daylight hours only.
12. Gardeners may borrow garden tools and equipment from the shed during times the shed is open, but the gardener must clean these after use and return them to the shed in the same condition that they were found in.
13. Report theft, vandalism, and unusual activities to the Garden Coordinator and police.
14. Gardeners may share helpful information and resources with fellow gardeners by contacting the Garden Coordinator.
15. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors, and ENJOY.