

# Garden Rules

## Franklin County Community Gardens

1. Each gardener is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting, 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 time.
3. Each gardener must complete a Release of All Claims form before work in the garden may begin.
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) to the garden plot is prohibited.
6. Garden plots will be awarded in order of receipt. Preference for next year's plots will be given to participants who cleared and cleaned their assigned plot by November 1.
7. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their plot only.
8. At the end of the growing season, but no later than November 1, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all non-perennial plant material and leaving the plot as they found it at the time of planting.
9. If any of the guidelines are violated, the gardener will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, 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.
11. Gardening may be done during daylight hours only.
12. Report theft, vandalism, and unusual activities to the garden coordinator and police.
13. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors, and ENJOY.