

**Fairview Park Community Garden Rules
2016**

1. Gardeners agree to garden organically, using ONLY organic fertilizers and pesticides.
2. Herbicides are not allowed in the gardens.
3. Gardeners agree to keep the garden, paths, and garden edges free of weeds, diseased plants, insect infested plants and over-ripe vegetables.
4. If a plot does not meet the standards specified in these rules it will be yellow flagged. If a plot is yellow flagged it must be tidied within one week. If after one week the plot still does not meet with the standards it will be red flagged at which point it must be fixed within two days. After the two days are up the plot will be reassigned without refund to the original owner. If a plot has received a yellow flag three times the fourth offence will mean an automatic red flagging of the plot. If there is any confusion as to why a plot has been flagged, contact the Garden Coordinator.
5. Full harvest/no waste policy: In most instances, crops must be harvested once they are mature. If you do not feel you can use all of them, please donate them to the Fairview Park Hunger Center through garden volunteer donation program. If gardeners see that crops in the garden are not being harvested, gardeners are encouraged to contact one another to obtain permission to harvest these items or donate them to a local food bank. If permission cannot be obtained, please consult the garden coordinator(s).
6. Plots are assigned on a first come/first serve basis to Fairview Park residents. If extra plots are available, non-residents may also have a plot. Gardeners who have previously gardened at the site, and are in good standing, are given the ability to choose a site for the following year in the fall.
7. There is a \$25 non-refundable fee for a garden plot.
8. You must tend your plot by May 31st. If the kind of plants you are growing must be planted later, please notify the garden coordinator and weed your plot as needed before then. Plots that are unplanted by May 31st are assumed abandoned and will be forfeited without a refund.
9. Garden clean up must be completed by October 31. Cleaned up means a plot has plants removed, is clean and level, and has an appropriate cover crop, compost or mulch.
10. If for any reason, you are unable to maintain your plot, please contact the garden coordinator.
11. Forfeited and abandoned plots will be cleared. Any produce will be donated to charity.
12. Gardeners understand that this is a community garden and in order for it to succeed, gardener support is needed to maintain the site, manage compost, deal with wildlife, obtain donated items, donate extra produce to charity, keep site picked up from debris, and maintain good neighbor relations.
13. Gardeners agree to participate in at least three of the scheduled work days. If you cannot attend the work days, contact the garden coordinator for tasks to complete on your own time and report completion back to the garden coordinator.
14. Please try to be realistic about the commitment that you are about to make. Gardeners must perform a minimum of 2-4 hours of work per plot each week to keep on top of a growing garden.

15. Gardeners are expected to respect the surroundings and tend their plot and paths surrounding your plot and help keep the area free of litter and weeds. Wood chips will be provided annually to cover paths with cardboard as a weed barrier and a thick layer of wood chips.
16. Do not plant trees, shrubs, perennial vegetables (please note rhubarb is perennial), or invasive plants.
17. No driving on the property. Gardeners should park along Maple Drive.
18. Gardeners may construct raised beds or use pre fabricated beds. Raised beds must be no more than 12 inches above grade. Treated lumber or painted wood can leach chemicals into the soil and should not be used for raised bed construction.
19. No landscaping fabric or plastic is allowed in garden beds or on paths.
20. Gardeners may bring in clean soil or soil amendments as long as the amendments are organic. Please contact the garden coordinator regarding delivery and drop off location.
21. Compost must be put in the compost pile/bins or taken home. Plants must be cut up in 3 inch or smaller pieces prior to putting in the compost bins. No trash, diseased plants, whole plants shall be placed in compost bins.
22. All trash should be taken home. When visiting the garden please pick up trash that may be along the road, fences, woods or other areas around the garden.
23. Gardeners provide their own tools, plants, and seeds. Tools left at the garden or in the shed are left at gardener's risk.
24. Gardeners agree not to bring pets to inside the fenced garden area. Please be considerate of others and clean up after your pets.
25. A small fruits, perennial vegetable and herb area is established on the west side of garden plots. Fruit trees have been planted on the northeast corner of the garden. Please contact the garden coordinator if you have plants that you would like to plant in this area. Herbs, fruits, and vegetables in this area are available to all gardeners.
26. The garden shed shall be kept closed and tools, mower, wheel barrows must be stored in shed to maintain a tidy garden. Please clean and replace any borrowed items back into the shed. Please do not leave any tools in the garden and help keep the shed clean and organized.
27. Garden signs and ornaments must be non offensive and less than 3 feet tall.
28. Garden plots are assigned to person(s) signing agreement only and are not transferable. You may not give your plot to another person.
29. Garden Coordinator, Amy Brennan, can be reached at (440) 655-1021 or amy0418@sbcglobal.net. Agreements and payments can be sent to Amy at 20937 Parklane Drive Fairview Park, Ohio 44126.