

***Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department
Community Garden
Rules & Regulations***

Welcome and thank you for your interest in community gardening! The Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department is excited to be part of the Keeley Park Community Garden. The operation of the garden is regulated by the following Community Garden Policy.

Your rights as a community gardener:

1. You have the right to an annual renewal if all the specific garden agreements are met and followed.
2. You have the right to basic amenities such as access, water, & hoses.
3. You have the right to equal opportunity and non-discrimination.
4. You have the right to a “reasonably harmonious environment”, which is enforced by the conflict resolution measures of the Parks & Recreation Department.
5. You have the right to participate in the democratic self-governance of your community garden by participating as a member of the Keeley Park Community Garden, who will annually select a Garden Coordinator.
6. You have the right to garden in your space, and to the non-commercial use of the product you raise.
7. You have the right to an orientation to your garden by the Garden Coordinator or other assigned garden assistants (i.e. Master Gardeners).

Responsibilities as a community gardener:

1. To be stewards of the land- keeping the plots clean and weed free as well as the paths surrounding their plot. At no time shall a gardener plant or weed in another gardener’s plot unless so directed by the Garden Coordinator or by prior agreement with that plot holder.
2. All plots will be inspected and should be under cultivation no later than May 1. In any case where the plot has not been planted or maintained or in any other way does not meet the requirements, the plot holder will be notified and will have fifteen (15) days to respond. If no response is received within that period the plot may be assigned to another plot holder. Garden plots will be reassigned after two such warnings.
3. Maintain your plot within the confines of your plot. No plants may be higher than 6 feet above soil level.
4. No altering of dimensions of the plot is allowed.
5. Be considerate and cooperative in regard to other gardeners, neighbors and the public.
6. Please conserve water! Mulch the plot with leaves, straw, grass clippings, etc. Use drought resistant varieties when possible. Water at the proper time of day. Do not leave the plot unattended while watering. Report any leaks in the hoses or faucets to the Garden Coordinator.

7. Plant waste should not be placed in the regular trash receptacle. There will be a designated area for plant waste which the City will remove as needed.
8. Harvesting other gardener's produce without permission is prohibited. Each plot holder must keep their own produce harvested.
9. If theft or vandalism occurs, immediately contact the Garden Coordinator. Discourage losses by becoming familiar with the other plot holders.
10. We encourage passing along the tradition of gardening, but please watch small children if you bring them to garden. We discourage pets.
11. All tools should be cleaned before returning them to the storage shed. The shed and gates must be kept locked when no one is gardening. All crops must be harvested once they are mature. All dead plants, weeds, fencing and stakes must be removed from the plot by the date notified for fall clean up.
12. All plot holders are strongly encouraged to donate 10% of your harvest to the Servant House or other designated non-profit entities.
13. All plot holders must sign the Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement annually upon renewal. A copy must be forwarded to the Parks & Recreation Department.

For more information or questions, contact brooks.mullane@greensboro-nc.gov or call her at 373-5867.

Agreed to this the _____ day of _____, 2009

Plot Holder- Keeley Community Garden Date

Attested Date

Program Support Supervisor Date