

2022 Growing to Green

Franklin Park Conservatory Community Garden



Rules and Guidelines:

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Introduction

The Franklin Park Conservatory Community Garden (FPCCG) is managed by the Growing to Green (G2G) Program. It is located in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus and offers a variety of benefits to their communities. Not only does it improve access to fresh food but it serves as a space for neighbors to connect and reflect on nature's beauty. This garden serves as a model for participants in the Conservatory's Growing to Green program. FPCCG requires all gardeners to read and abide by the following rules and guidelines to ensure the growth of the gardening community as well as the continuation of plot ownership.

Rules and Guidelines

1. The garden is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. The combination for the lock on the shed will be given to members and will be changed annually or as needed. The growing season starts April 1st and plots must be cleared out by December 1st.
 - Some tools are provided, but gardeners may need to provide their own tools.
 - Make sure to close and lock the shed after you when you enter and exit.
 - Notify the G2G coordinator if illegal activity, such as theft, occurs.
 - Friends and family members are permitted into the garden, but are under your supervision and must adhere to the rules and regulations.
 - Children under 14 must be supervised at all times while in the garden.
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2. Each plot may be registered to one plot holder only. Subletting is not permitted.
3. Abandoned plots may not be refunded after the start of the growing season.
4. Smoking, chewing tobacco, and open flames are not allowed in the garden. Tobacco is a carrier of the Tomato Mosaic Virus which can kill some plants.
5. Plots have been marked for the reason of individual plot recognition. Please do not move the markers.
6. As the FPCCG is a community garden, members are expected to partake in certain maintenance in order to ensure that the garden is a beautiful, well-kept area for everyone. Such maintenance items are:
 - Keeping equipment and site in good condition (general maintenance).
 - Weeding and cleaning the gardener's plots and pathways of the garden.
 - Picking up trash/litter

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7. Weeds and diseased plants material should be placed in yard refuse bags (Provided in shed).
 8. Non-selective herbicides (like Roundup) are not allowed in the garden.
 9. Plots may be arranged to the tender's whim, but certain regulations do apply:
 - No permanent structures are permitted (concrete, bricks, and mortar).
 - All structures and vegetation must not cross into, or shade, another plot.
 - Any materials must be brought by the tender.
 10. Plot tenders are responsible for the maintenance and harvesting of their plot.
 11. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden-related maintenance are all the responsibilities of the gardener.
 12. If you are going to be away for an extended amount of time, notify the G2G Coordinator. Plot tenders can arrange for other plot tenders to watch over their plot while they are gone.
 13. Trash and compost bins will be provided.
 14. Notify the G2G Coordinator if you find any leaks in hoses or damaged tools.
 15. The bulletin board is for garden business only, soliciting is not allowed.
 16. **Call Security: 614-715-8166**
 - For any emergencies, theft, suspicious behavior, and assistance with the shed key or lock. For life-threatening emergencies call 911 and then alert Security to guide emergency services to your location.

Violation Policies

The rules and regulations are in place so the FPCCG garden can grow, provide a healthy community atmosphere, and function as a pleasant place to garden as a community. Compliance with the rules and regulations of the FPCCG garden, detailed here, will ensure that the community garden grows and succeeds. Violations of the rules are regulated; any such violations will be dealt with by the G2G Coordinator. If a violation occurs, such will be the immediate effects:

1. If garden maintaining rules are ignored, you will be required to forfeit the plot. As outlined below, these are the conditions under which plot forfeiture will occur:
 - a. The plot is not maintained for three weeks.
 - b. Transferring or subletting of a plot.
 - c. Violation warnings are ignored, and violations are repeated.
 - d. Act in a threatening or abusive manner to other gardeners. No bullying.
2. Violation Procedures.

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- a. When a violation occurs, G2G Coordinator will send the plot tender a warning. The warning will have the details of the violation and the deadline set for the plot tender to fix the problem.

Eligibility Status for Plot Renewal

To become eligible for renewing the registration for a plot for the next season the following requirements must be met:

1. A minimum of 25 hours of volunteer engagement must be recorded.
2. At the end of the growing season, all staking, fencing, caging, and pavers must be removed by December 1st. There is to be no personal storage of property in the shed.

Volunteer Engagement

The FPCCG serves as a model for community gardens for Central Ohio. As an equal part community to garden, a commitment of engagement from its plot holders is essential. Engagement can enhance the gardening experience with fellowship, learning, and connectivity.

1. Volunteer engagement hours are defined as time:
 - a. Spent maintaining a personal plot representing FPC.
 - b. Spent maintaining public space in the FPCCG.
 - c. Spent volunteering on the Main FPC Campus.
 - d. Spent engaging with other community gardeners in educational/social/work events at FPCCG.
2. Volunteer Engagement Hour Management can be recorded through:
 - a. Volgistics (recommended).
 - b. Email to G2G Coordinator Growingtogreen@fpconservatory.org.
 - c. Written down on a spreadsheet in the FPCCG shed.