



## Winterville Community Garden 2023-2024



**PLEASE KEEP THESE GUIDELINES FOR YOUR OWN REFERENCE.  
DON'T RETURN THEM WITH YOUR PAYMENT!**

The Garden is established as a place for community members to conduct gardening activities. The purpose of the Garden is to provide space, materials, tools and guidance to assist community members in growing plants for themselves and for disadvantaged members of the community; to promote healthy diet choices in our community; to provide an opportunity for learning about gardening for people of all ages; and to provide a fun, social activity that will enhance community cohesion. **For the health of the gardeners and the environment, the Gardens are run on organic principles.**

### **Rules and Guidelines for the Garden**

- I agree to keep the garden a safe, happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
- I agree to read email communications from the garden committee and respond if requested.
- I agree to participate at least quarterly in the monthly group workdays and cleanup of The Garden. This will include but not be limited to physical activities such as planting, weeding, watering, maintenance of the irrigation system and garden area, and harvesting, and those less physical activities such as are necessary for the administration of the Garden as well as assistance to the Committee.
- I agree to make a good faith effort to maintain my garden bed in a weed free condition.
- I understand that rental agreements for abandoned or unmaintained garden beds in a state of neglect may be revoked unless previous arrangements are made with the Garden Committee. A reminder will be sent, and **if there is no response after two weeks' notice the box and rental fee will be forfeited.**
- I agree to not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other garden beds. I understand that the Winterville Community Garden encourages the use of natural pesticides, if pesticides are needed, and that an acceptable list will be provided by the Garden Committee upon request.

- I agree to respect the integrity of neighboring garden beds by not pulling hoses across, walking over, or altering plants in any way.
- I agree to keep my pets at home and out of the garden.
- I agree to refrain from smoking in the garden area to prevent a potential fire and the spread of plant-related diseases associated with tobacco.
- I agree to keep trash and litter out of the garden area, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences, and I agree to keep the pathways clear of garden tools and trailing plants.
- I agree that I will not plant tall crops where they would shade neighboring garden beds.
- I agree to only harvest from my own garden bed unless given permission by another garden bed user.
- I understand that all my visitors will be expected to follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated herein. I understand that it is expected that I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden.
- I agree to follow water use guidelines and restrictions as outlined by Athens-Clarke County, the City of Winterville and the Garden Committee.
- I agree that if I must abandon my garden bed for any reason, I will notify the Garden Committee.

**It is hoped that everyone will do their best to abide by these rules and make the Gardens a pleasant place to be! Obvious and deliberate flouting of the rules will result in the loss of box and forfeiture of rental.**

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