

GARDEN GUIDELINES 2022



Plots: Planting & Maintenance

1. Plots will be available, weather-pending, after the ground has been tilled and the plots marked off. Access will begin May 7th. The growing season will continue through October 31st.
2. If your application is accepted, you will be assigned a plot number and given access to the community shed.
3. Plot markers with your last name or identifiers are highly encouraged.
4. Flowering plants are permitted as long as it is not an invasive species. The objective of **CGHC** is to help individuals grow food for their own consumption and self-sustainability. We also promote crops offering a supplemental income opportunity. No invasive species, such as mint and horseradish, will be allowed. See **Master Gardener Volunteer** for approval of plants if you are unsure.
5. Once the plots are available, we recommend you plant as soon as possible to prevent weed growth. Plots **must** be planted by May 31st or your plot can be reassigned.
6. Individual plots must be reasonably maintained. Reasonably maintained means:
 - a. Weeds under control and plants regularly cared for, watered and harvested.
 - b. Weeds under control in the pathways touching your plot.
 - c. Plants do not exceed plot boundaries.

*There will be many weeds in a community garden. Weeds compete with other plants in your garden and can quickly become invasive. If weeds are left to go to seed they will affect your neighbor's gardens as well. **Gardeners are responsible for keeping their plot weed free from the till date to the plant date.** Weedy plots are subject to one warning. If plot is not weeded after warning, your plot will be tilled under and reassigned.*

7. Please notify the garden coordinator or garden steward if you are: 1) no longer able to tend your plot 2) will be absent for a long time 3) or have asked a friend to tend your garden. Abandoned or unattended plots will be tilled under and reassigned.
8. Non-permanent staking and cages are permitted **but will not be provided by CGHC**. Lost or stolen personal property is not the responsibility of **CGHC** and all personal property must be cleared away at the end of the season. If you do not clean your plot at the end of the season, the contents of your plot will be thrown out and your opportunity to obtain a plot the following year may be denied.

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Path Maintenance

- It is each gardener's responsibility to keep paths on each side of their plot clear and weed free.

Use of Community Water

- Please conserve the use of water. Mulch with leaves, grass clippings, or straw to reduce water evaporation. Check hoses for leaks.
- Water in gardens will be available through October 31st
- **Unattended watering is not permitted.** This includes but is not limited to: non-permanent sprinkler systems and unattended use of the hoses.
- Make sure the water is turned off inside the shed before you leave. If other gardeners are there, communicate with them about who will shut the water off. Be sure the hoses are not in the path of the lawnmower.

Disposal of Trash

- **Use of The Family Center's dumpsters is prohibited.**
- No debris of any kind should be left at the site. Please take all non-organic trash with you.
- Dispose of non-seeding weeds and plant materials in the designated areas. Designated site is for garden generated organic materials only. Please do not bring household or other garbage to the garden site.

Tools/Shed/Key

- Please take appropriate care of these tools. Notify the Garden Administrator if a tool is broken.
- Please be sure to lock the shed if you are the last one in the garden. Again, communicate with those you see there to ensure the tools are secured.
- Please do not duplicate the shed keys. If you need more than one, please let the Garden Administrator know and another one will be assigned.

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Parking/moving heavy equipment

- Please park only in the Family Center parking lot. **Parking in or driving across the grass is prohibited. Parking in the apartment lot on the North end is prohibited.**

Soil Amendments/Pest & Disease Control

- Please contact the Garden Administrator prior to utilizing any pest and disease control as this can harm others plots if not used properly.

Vandalism/Theft

- Most gardens experience vandalism or theft, whether by two-legged or four-legged creatures. The best action you can take is to replant immediately. If you suspect any acts of vandalism, please notify the Garden Administrator.
- Two trail cameras will be present and signs will be posted to deter those who think this is a “community harvesting” site.
- Understand that confronting thieves is at your own risk. Please, do not engage. CGHC will not be liable for any injury or result of these confrontations. If theft is suspected, head to a safe place and call 9-1-1 and the Garden Administrator.

For more information contact:

Crime Prevention Specialist
Officer Brian White
419-424-7282
419-424-7296 fax
BWhite@FindlayOhio.com

Not Allowed in the Garden

- Tires
- Pressure treated wood
- Barbed wire

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- Uncovered black plastic
- Smoking and use of alcoholic beverages
- Amplified music (use headphones please).
- Pets are not allowed in the garden, unless it is a service animal.
 - Always clean up after service animals.
- Young children should be supervised at all times, and especially around garden equipment.

Garden Coordinator (United Way of Hancock County)

United Way Coordinator, Taylor Coote, can be reached at 419-423-1432 or via email: taylor.coote@uw Hancock.org

Garden Administrator

Garden coordinator, Ashley Pierce can be reached via email at adminvolunteer@uw Hancock.org