

## Miami Township Community Garden Rules & Regulations

1. Plot applications for the Miami Township Community Garden will be accepted yearly. When assigning plots, the Township will give priority to the following:
  - a. For returning gardeners who complied with the rules and regulations.
  - b. Miami Township residents

Anyone currently holding a plot can submit an application for a plot for the next year's season beginning in February of the next year. If plot spaces remain, applications will be accepted in March on a first come first serve basis and plots will be assigned randomly. Please contact Miami Township Recreation Department at (513) 248-3727 for general questions or clarifications.

2. Plot applications will be processed by the Miami Township Recreation Department. Garden plots will be assigned and gardeners will be notified your plot number by Email or mail. Gardeners shall expect to attend a brief orientation at the garden site prior to cultivating their plot, to ensure that everyone has knowledge of systems such as watering, compost, etc. Orientation times and dates will be set by the Recreation Department and gardeners or their representatives must attend.
3. A list of preferred fertilizers and insect control methods will be handed out at orientation.
4. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to volunteer on one of the Garden Committees. This is a "Community Garden" and working together cooperatively is an important component of the success of the Community Garden.
5. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding, and watering their own plots. All plots are "as is" and some may need more work, or fill dirt than others, and this will be your responsibility. Plots need to be in a cultivated status by June 1 out of respect for other gardeners. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the Recreation Department if they are not able to care for their plot for an extended period of time. Plots that are not maintained will be considered abandoned by the Garden Committee and they will take over the maintenance of the unmaintained plots and/or remove them. If the Garden Committee assumes maintenance responsibility for a plot, the produce generated will be donated to an appropriate charity. In addition, the Township will not give the gardener assigned to the plot any future plots.

Gardeners shall supply the Township with contact information such as phone numbers, (home and cell) addresses (home and email) and two or more individuals responsible for the plot.

6. Please give consideration to others by planting tall crops where they will have the least impact on neighboring gardeners. Crops and structures over six feet tall are not allowed in plots.
7. The garden will be available upon purchase of the plot. The garden will be open from dawn to dusk. Gardeners are responsible for "putting the garden to bed" and leaving the plots as they found them in the spring. In addition, Gardeners are expected to determine the best growing season for the crops they are cultivating.
8. Plots will be numbered at the corners with stakes by Miami Township. You are responsible for maintaining the walkways around your plot.
9. Common-sense list of No's:
  - o No pets in the garden
  - o No motorized vehicles except for small rototillers
  - o No littering
  - o No hoses in the garden
  - o No loud music
  - o No invasive plants ie: mint any variety
  - o No taking food that is not yours

### **Plot Sizes and Fees**

Registration fees are based on plot size and residents age. The registration fees for residents under 60 yrs. of age are:

4 x 10 (\$20)          4 x 20 (\$25)          10 x 20 (\$35)

\*All residents 60 yrs. old and above receive a \$5 discount

\*These guidelines are subject to change. You are responsible for checking your Email or the garden bulletin board for updated information.