



General Rules and Regulations for the Lakes Park Community Garden

The garden manager is the highest authority for the Lakes Park Community Garden project. The garden manager reports to the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation which operates under the patronage of the Lee County Parks and Recreation Department.



1. The garden area is open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week and will coincide with the opening and closing hours of Lakes Park.
 2. All county rules and regulations governing Lakes Park shall be observed in the conduct of business at the Community Garden.
 3. Each garden plot unit is 8ft X 4ft (32 square feet).
 4. A selected number of units, elevated 34 inches above ground, are available for wheel-chair gardeners.
 5. The fee for the use of the garden is \$50.00 per plot, per year (September 1st – August 31st), due on or before September 1st. There are no refunds.
 6. Payment of fees is necessary before you begin gardening and should be submitted with your registration form to the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation.
 7. Gardeners will not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give their key or lock combination to another person. A fee will be charged for the replacement of keys, and the garden manager will be the only personnel authorized to make duplicate keys.
 8. Invasive exotic plants listed on the latest FLEPPC plant list can not be planted.
- Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify the garden manager of any leaks in the water line, and make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden.

Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your garden plot.



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Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

Once I have been assigned a plot, I promise to devote reasonable amounts of time to its maintenance and improvement throughout the growing season.

During the growing season, my plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer.

I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.

I will keep paths and surrounding areas clean and neat, and will put trash only in the areas designated specifically for the type of trash. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the Community Garden.

I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.

Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.

I will attend regular garden meetings. When workshops are offered, I will attend at least one on each of the following topics: soil preparation and maintenance, seedling production, watering the vegetable garden, and pest and disease control.

I will water my plot according to county guidelines as outlined in vegetable best management practices for Florida.

I will not apply any pesticides or herbicides in the garden without the approval of the garden manager.

I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.

I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.

I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

I forfeit my right to sue the Lee County BoCC or the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation.

Commitment

I have read and fully understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the (Lakes) Community Garden.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Gardener

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Garden Manager