

Gardener Guidelines: Woodfield Community Garden

Welcome, gardeners! We want our neighbors to enjoy this space for years to come. These guidelines will help us work together in growing food together while caring for our garden and each other. Gardeners will review and revise these rules each year.



Contact our Garden Leader at

woodfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

- Website: hopegardensgr.org/woodfield-community-garden
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/woodfieldcommunitygarden

Plot pricing and sign-up.

- **Fee:** \$10 per single, in-ground garden plot. **Payment is required before garden season begins.** We want everyone to garden with us—contact the Garden Leader if cost is a concern.
- **Applications:** Submit your garden application online or by email to woodfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com.
- **Garden Assignments:** Garden plots will be assigned in April on a first-come, first-served basis to Woodfield Apartments residents. Current gardeners will get preference.

Maintain your garden plot.

1. The garden season is April through October. Water will be available from around May to October; gardeners will need to bring their own water outside of those dates.
2. Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their garden plot, including planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting. You may arrange for others to assist as needed.
3. Gardeners should use **organic growing practices**, meaning only organic nutrients and pest controls should be used. Compost, aged manure, leaves, non-plastic barriers, and weeding are all organic methods. Chemical pesticides, weed killers, or chemical fertilizers (such as Miracle-Gro) are prohibited. When in doubt, ask a Garden Leader.
4. Harvest ripe produce in a timely manner.
5. Keep your plot and the area surrounding your plot free of weeds. Diseased and infected plants must be removed and disposed of in the trash (not composted).
6. Contact the Garden Leaders if you can no longer maintain your plot. If a plot becomes unkempt, we will attempt to contact you. If any plot remains unattended for an extended period (3+ weeks), that plot will be reassigned.

7. At the end of the growing season, gardeners must clear their plot of plant material, stakes, fencing, etc. by November 15 unless otherwise arranged with Garden Leaders.

Respect other gardeners and garden plots. Support your community garden.

8. Plan to participate in a gardener orientation and a spring and fall garden cleanup.
9. No concrete, cement, or permanent structures. No aggressive crops, including morning glory, sunchokes, or mint. No trees or large woody plants.
10. Some shared tools will be available in a storage shed. Gardeners must keep the shed locked at all times and return tools after use. You may also bring your own tools to use.
11. Timed sprinklers will help water the garden. If you notice problems (EX: sprinklers are not working or a sprinkler is broken), notify the Garden Leader as soon as possible.
12. Always treat fellow gardeners with respect. Gardeners may harvest from their assigned garden plot and from designated communal plots only. Signage, plants, food, tools, or flowers should only be removed by the gardener assigned to that plot.
13. Garden hours are dawn to dusk.
14. Children are welcome! But please make sure an adult is supervising at all times.
15. Dogs are prohibited unless the dog is a certified service animal.
16. Cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs are not allowed in the garden.
17. Dispose properly of trash. Leave our garden looking better than when you arrived.
18. Only organic, compostable material should be placed in the composting area. Items that belong in the trash and **not** the compost bins include garbage, plastic, partially eaten food, clothing, human or animal feces, meat, or large sticks.

Garden Leader contact

If you have any questions, please contact:

Christie Koester, Community and Home Garden Coordinator:

woodfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com (email preferred), 812-219-9860

If there is an emergency, dial 911. The closest address to the garden is 6047 Woodfield Dr. SE; the garden is located between two garage bays southwest of the building and south of the parking lot.