

## **Guilford County Mixed Greens Community Garden Guidelines and Rules**

1. I will do my best to attend the Annual Membership Meeting for plot holders held each spring. I will do my best to attend at least 2 workdays during the year.
2. I understand I must provide my own seed, tools and fertilizer. There are a limited number of tools available in the shed. Tilling of garden beds will be offered on specific workdays. Call in advance if your bed needs tilling.
3. I will take only my allotted share of soil amendments furnished throughout the season, which is 2 - 3 wheelbarrows per plot.
4. I will show progress toward cleaning my plot by April 1 of each year, and planting by May 1. I will maintain my plot throughout the gardening season or contact a member of the leadership team with a reason and plan. My bed will be cleaned up and my summer crops removed by November 15 of each year.
5. I understand that failure to maintain my plot will result in (1) a phone call reminder, then (2) a warning letter. If the situation is not corrected within two weeks of the postmark date, the plot will be reassigned with no refund of money.
6. I will harvest all produce and flowers before they become overly mature, or arrange to have another gardener pick my produce if I am unable. I will remove all plants when they cease to bear. I will contact a member of the leadership team if I am unable to tend my plot at any time.
7. I will only harvest produce from my assigned bed unless expressed permission is given by another plot holder. I understand that stealing produce from other gardeners is grounds for termination of my gardening privileges.
8. I will only grow legal, non-poisonous, and non-aggressive plants. This includes but is not limited to Jerusalem artichokes, bamboo, and mint. Corn may not be planted due to cross-pollination. I will take care to keep vines and plants inside my bed, and will not grow plants that shade my neighbor's bed. I will not grow more than one quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of my plot in permanent (perennial) crops, including but not limited to asparagus, strawberries, etc.

9. I will not bring pets or other animals into the garden. Exception is made for registered service animals.
10. I will comply fully with all federal, state and Guilford County rules and regulations regarding the use of pesticides and chemicals. I will NOT use powdered Sevin dust, which is known to kill bees. I may use liquid Sevin following proper label instructions. Fertilizers and chemicals I bring from home will be returned to my home at the end of the day, and will not be left in the garden.
11. I will donate 10% of my produce to charity such as Share the Harvest. Donation information for Share the Harvest is available at the Ag Center front desk.
12. I will store cages, trellises, tomato cages, poles, etc. within the confines of my bed or take them home when not in use. If left outside the bed, they will be removed and discarded.
13. I will deposit litter into trash barrels and all vegetative material in the designated organic waste sites (two) near the rear of the garden.
14. I will conserve water. I understand the garden water supply is limited to a cistern and well as our sources, and shortages can occur. I will water for only 20 minutes if others are waiting. I will not leave the water turned on unattended.
15. I agree to do my share of weekly chores in the garden in order to maintain a neat, and orderly garden space. List of chores and sign-off sheet is located in the tool shed.
16. I will not build any permanent structure in my bed. If I have a trellis, I will keep it within the garden bed. I will not build any extensions onto my bed.
17. I understand that use of alcohol or drugs in the garden is prohibited and gardeners and guests may not come into the garden intoxicated or under the influence of illicit substances. I will not use profane or offensive language or behavior. I understand I am solely responsible for the behavior of children or guests I bring into the garden.
18. I will report any suspicious activity, theft, vandalism, to a leadership committee member, and to the police, if appropriate. Contact information is posted in the tool shed.
19. I will take care to lock the gate when I leave, after making sure no other gardener is still present. Please spin the lock after closing for security.