

Clemmons Community Garden

Rules and Regulations

Vision

The garden provides members of the community a safe place to grow their own organic food and provide an opportunity to share a portion of the garden's bounty with others in need by donating to area food banks. The garden will bring fresh local produce, personal connections, educational opportunities for adults and youth and beautification to the community.

Membership Introduction

The Village of Clemmons Community Garden is an all-volunteer, active working, community garden. The Clemmons Community garden is opened to Village residents. As such, it requires all of its members to assist with the daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal care, upkeep and support of the garden. Participants are required to observe the CCG's Rules and Regulations as outlined. By doing so, we enhance the health and wellness of the garden and ensure its success. The following rules and procedures have been designed to facilitate garden safety and to create a community garden environment that is gratifying to work in, and pleasant for neighbors and the general public.

Organic Gardening Preference

The Village of Clemmons Community Garden Group has determined that only organic pesticides and practices may be used in the community garden plots. If you need help in determining what materials may be used, please contact the Garden Manager. [Forsyth Cooperative Extension](#) recommends using [integrated pest management](#) (IPM) for pest control. IPM includes scouting for insects and treating for infestations if needed. Often pests can be discouraged by using good cultural practices and controlled by physical means of picking, washing off or use of barriers. Classes are offered in the County on organic practices and pest control. Furthermore, only organic certified bagged animal manure shall be used in the garden. Gardeners can use the [North Carolina Extension Gardener Handbook](#) or contact the Forsyth County NC Cooperative Extension at (336) 703-2850.

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1. The first name to appear on the Application and Waiver is considered the "Primary Gardener". All gardeners on the contract are collectively and severally bound by the contract. Gardeners on multiple gardener contracts agree that the first name on the contract is the designated contact for all business correspondence from the garden. Any new gardener must be added to the contract before being allowed to garden the plot. Even though "additional listed gardeners" may garden at your plot, the responsibility for payment of fees, cleanup and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual considered as the "Primary Gardener", whose name is assigned to the plot.

2. Plot sizes and fees, including non-plot holder fees, will be set annually by the Village of Clemmons. For the first growing season the plots will be 4 × 12. Fees are non-refundable. Plots are assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Plots may be assigned or reassigned at the discretion of the Garden Manager.
3. Plots are leased on an annual basis from January 1 to December 31. Plot assignments will begin December 1st for gardeners in good standing from the prior year. They will be given three weeks to secure their plot preference. The remaining plots will be open to the public after the three-week expiration period. Garden plots may not be transferred, given away, traded or sublet. All plot holders must notify the Village of Clemmons, by mail or e-mail, when giving up membership. The plot then returns to the Village of Clemmons for rental to the next person in line on the waiting list.
4. The Garden Manager shall be elected on an annual basis by the garden’s membership, for some reason if the Garden Manager cannot fulfill the duty, it will be up to the garden membership to elect a new manager.
5. Crops, plants, vines and other vegetation must be contained within the boundaries of one’s garden plot so they do not overlap onto adjacent pathways or plots. If this becomes a problem, the vegetation must be removed. Planting illegal plants is prohibited (see prohibited plants in the appendix).
6. The designated donation(s) bed will be adopted by a member of the garden each year.
7. The storage shed shall be used for equipment approved by the Village of Clemmons. Equipment shall be stored in the proper manner. All equipment shall be cleaned prior to placing it back in the Village of Clemmons shed. All equipment stored in the shed shall be “community” equipment such as a smaller tiller, hoses, and rakes.
8. Rental of multiple plots is not permitted unless there are vacant plots. Vacant plots will be distributed on a first come basis.
9. Gardeners may not alter the dimensions of their assigned plot. Gardeners are free to arrange their garden how they wish within the boundaries of their plot.
10. Tobacco and alcohol is not allowed at the Clemmons Community Garden.
11. No disruptive behavior (use of profanity, loud radios, etc.) that will negatively affect other gardeners will be tolerated.
12. Except for service dogs, pets of any kind are not allowed within the Clemmons Community Garden.
13. Cars must be parked in designated areas. Do not drive vehicles in the garden area.
14. Please conserve water! Mulch the plot with leaves, straw, grass clippings, etc. Use drought resistant varieties when possible. Water at the proper time of day. Do not leave the plot unattended while watering. Report any leaks in the hoses or faucets to the Garden Manager.
15. Harvesting other gardeners’ produce without permission is prohibited and can be grounds for forfeiture of your plot.

16. Gardens must be kept in good condition through watering, cultivating and weeding. Keep plot free of overripe, rotting and spoiled fruit and vegetables. When the growing season is over, all plots must be cleared of vegetation by the gardener. Plot clearing may not be done via use of flame or fire. Abandoned plots will revert back to the Village of Clemmons.
17. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Please supervise children in the garden.
18. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cellphone nearby if it makes you feel more comfortable.
19. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to Village employee or police.
20. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.
21. Violation of Gardener Guidelines: If any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or e-mail and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges.
22. All supplies provided by the Village of Clemmons are to be used properly and stored in their proper location when not in use.
23. All trash must be properly disposed of in the Village trash bins. Vegetative material shall not be placed in trash bins or dumpsters. Vegetative materials and debris should be composted.
24. The Village of Clemmons assumes no responsibility for any loss resulting from theft, animal damage, adverse weather, vandalism or any other cause.

Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with above regulations during the season may result in a loss of future gardening privileges and forfeiture of all fees. By signing below, you acknowledge you have read the rules and are prepared to follow them.

Print Name

Signature

Date