

# Community Garden Application and Participation Rules

If accepted as a Community Gardener, I will be provided the following:

- A garden plot to grow produce and/or flowers for harvest by plot holders.
- Access to water for irrigation through a system of hand-held hoses.
- Access to general garden tools such as shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows.
- Compost bins and/or an area for disposal of garden waste.
- Educational programs to assist new gardeners.
- Social events to celebrate a community of gardeners.
- Seeds and soil amendments (only to the extent these are donated to the program).

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

1. I understand there is a \$10 plot fee due one week after receiving notification of my plot assignment. Fees will offset continuing maintenance and repair costs, as well as replacement costs for lost or damaged tools.
2. I understand the application is good for one year.
3. I will not leave my plot unmaintained for any period of time exceeding two weeks without making arrangements for its care.
4. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden coordinator.
5. Maintenance of my garden plot is my sole responsibility. I will water as needed, remove weeds promptly, report disease or insect infestations, properly remove contaminated plants and harvest produce in a timely manner.
6. I understand that the application of herbicides and pesticides (weed killers) to my garden plot is prohibited.
7. I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain plants within the limits of my plot and to keep vegetation less than seven feet in height, so as not to shade neighbor's plots.
8. I will not grow illegal plants in the garden.
9. I will keep trash and litter cleaned from the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
10. I will sort waste from my lot into compost, recyclables and trash. There will be designated bins for compost, recyclables and trash. I will place waste in the correct designated bin.

11. I will respect the garden's property and assets, use equipment and tools owned in common responsibly and treat them with care, clean and return them to the shed after use and store them neatly and securely. I will not remove equipment furnished by the Ocala Community Garden from the garden. I will lock the shed and gate each time I leave.
12. I will turn off water at designated locations after use and coil all hoses neatly on the post provided. I will not drag hoses through other gardener's plots
13. I will harvest only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user. I will harvest my plot crops when ripe and I will not allow my crops to rot. If I cannot or do not wish to harvest my crop, I will notify the garden coordinator so that arrangements can be made to harvest my plot to donate the produce.
14. I will participate in the regular cleanup and maintenance, as well as fall cleanup of the garden.
15. I will be respectful of other gardeners; I will not enter others' plots; I will not water others' plots and will not borrow or remove anything from the plots of other gardeners.
16. I will not bring pets to the garden.
17. I understand that children of all ages are welcome, but must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.
18. I understand that I may bring guests to the garden. Guests are also subject to all rules, terms and conditions stated here. Gardeners are solely responsible for the behavior of their guests.
19. I understand that gardeners are not permitted to smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble at the garden site.
20. I will not sell my produce on the premises.
21. I agree to park in the designated Ocala Community Garden parking area only and to respect the residents in the area.
22. I will work to keep the garden a secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
23. I understand and willingly accept the inherent risks in gardening. I understand that use and misuse of gardening tools may result in injury. I am aware that soil and food-borne disease, though rare, may be contracted through gardening or consuming undercooked food.
24. I understand that participation in the Ocala Community Garden is a privilege and if I fail to comply with the terms of this application, my gardening privileges and the plot may be forfeited. If there is no response or correction made within 14 days, the plot will be forfeited.

25. I understand, acknowledge and agree to waive and release any and all claims or rights for any injury, death, or damages while in the Ocala Community Garden and that neither the Ocala Community Garden entities nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, lessors, affiliated companies or foundations have any liability to me or my guests for losses, damages, or costs included as result of participation in, or entry onto the premises of the Community Garden and I waive and release the aforementioned parties from any claims that I may have, ether based on tort, contract or otherwise, resulting there from.
26. I understand, acknowledge and agree to Indemnify and Hold Harmless the Ocala Community Garden entities and any of its directors, officers, employees, agents or lessors, affiliated companies or foundations.

If you have any questions regarding the Ocala Community Garden, please feel free to contact Alex Carrandi at [acarrandi@ocalafl.org](mailto:acarrandi@ocalafl.org) or at 352-368-5505.

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms and conditions stated above for participation in the Ocala Community Garden, a project of the Florida Department of Health, fiscal sponsor and Ocala Recreation and Parks.

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_