



In order to obtain and maintain a plot, members must agree to the following during the annual application process:

1. the requirements stated in our Policy Handbook and Guidelines
2. the Lilburn Community Garden's Hold Harmless Statement

**Lilburn Community Garden
Policy Handbook and Guidelines**

"Growing Together"

1. This is an annual contract commencing April 1, through March 31 of the following year which will be referred to as the garden season. The community garden is intended for the use of growing vegetables, fruit, flowers, and herbs. Hours are sunrise to sunset.
2. A non-refundable, nontransferable annual membership fee is required for each plot. Plots are assigned on a first-come first-serve basis. Annual fees include use of land, utilities, and when available, basic community garden owned tools, compost and mulch. Plot members will incur some personal expenses for their choice of seeds, plants, amendments, tools, etc.
3. **Plot member(s) will agree to garden organically** by refraining from using synthetic chemical fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides. In the spirit of promoting organic gardening practices in a shared environment, we ask that you seek the help of more experienced gardeners, if need be.
4. Since the success of the garden depends upon the support of its gardeners, ***each plot member(s) must participate in at least 4 hours of community garden service (work days) a year*** for cleaning and general upkeep and special projects. Failure to complete your hours will cause your membership to be reconsidered. Workdays will be scheduled as needed and you will be notified by email of the date and time.
5. During the year, each plot member will be responsible for keeping their plot maintained: planted, watered, harvested, weeded/mulched (including pathways around your plot), staked/pruned to prevent excess growth outside of plots, cleared of any dying or dead plants, and any other garden related maintenance, as all of these provide for a neat, attractive, cared-for appearance, as well as a healthy, productive plot that does not attract diseases and pests to the garden. If you need to allow your plot to lay dormant, you must clean up and lay mulch over the plot area.
6. Please do not harvest, water, or tend to another plot member's garden unless given permission. For example, if another plot member goes on vacation and asks you to do so, this would be acceptable in order to prevent their plot from being reclaimed.
7. If your plot shows signs of abandonment, or is not planted by May 30, you will be notified by phone and/or email. You will have 1 week to resolve the situation or the Lilburn Community Garden committee will reclaim the plot. No refunds will be given. The LCG committee reserves the right to give the plot to the next person on the waiting list.

8. Since weed seeds germinate and spread quickly, we ask that each plot member be diligent in keeping their plot weed free. Remove and dispose of weeds properly in the appropriate designated place. **Chemical herbicides are prohibited in this garden.** Organic solutions are acceptable.
9. Water conservation will be practiced whenever possible by turning faucets off when not needed and mulching beds to hold moisture.
10. For the consideration, enjoyment, and safety of others in the garden, we ask that members be mindful of where tall crops are planted in plots to prevent shading neighboring gardens; place trash and unwanted plant materials in their designated areas; and clean and return tools. Smoking, chewing tobacco and alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Children 12 years and younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult in the garden. Pets are allowed with supervision.
11. Scholarships may be available, contact the Lilburn Community Garden for more information.
12. Garden plots are not transferable. If you need to abandon your plot, please notify the Lilburn Community Garden committee at lilburncommunitygarden@hotmail.com.
13. Members are encouraged to donate any excess produce to the Lilburn Co-Op or other charitable food pantry.
14. Rules and policies are subject to change at any time. Please note that the Board of Directors of the Lilburn Community Garden, rather than the City of Lilburn enforces the rules and policies of this garden and will handle any disputes.
15. The Board of Directors for the Lilburn Community Garden reserves the right to revoke membership and access for failure to comply with the above rules.

Thank you for your interest in the Lilburn Community Garden. Questions may be directed to lilburncommunitygarden@hotmail.com.

Lilburn Community Garden Hold Harmless Statement

I (we) have read and understand the LCG Policy Handbook and understand that failure to follow the rules will result in a review of gardening privileges.

I (we) also understand that neither the Lilburn Community Garden, its agents and/or the City of Lilburn accept any liability for incidents which occur while engaged at the garden. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Lilburn Community Garden, its agents and/or the City of Lilburn for any damage, loss or claims that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests and or any other person.