



## **Rules & Regulations for Community Gardens**

Lexington Parks and Recreation's Community Gardens Program provides gardening and greening opportunities for the physical and social benefit of the people and neighborhoods of Lexington.

**If applying for a Community Garden, please obtain an application from the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Department of Parks and Recreation at 288-2979 or from our [www.lexingtonky.gov/parks](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/parks) website.**

1. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the group's garden coordinator immediately.
2. Dogs, except those on a leash, are not allowed.
3. Notify the group's garden coordinator if you are no longer able to tend your plot, will be absent for a long period of time, or have asked a friend to tend your garden.
4. Please park only in designated areas. **Do not drive vehicles over the lawn.**
5. Please conserve the use of water. Mulch with leaves, grass clippings or straw to reduce water evaporation. The use of rain barrels is strongly encouraged.
6. There is no garbage pick up at the garden site. All plastic, paper and other refuse must be taken home.
7. Gardens and walkways/roadways must be kept free of all weeds. Gardeners with neglected sites will lose the privilege of using the garden site.
8. Gardeners must recycle plant material within their own plot. No composting is allowed on site except in an LFUCG approved contained composter available through LFUCG Environmental Quality office.
9. Crops must be harvested once they are mature. Share extra produce with a shelter, food bank, or someone who cannot garden.
10. Garden areas will be issued on year to year basis only. Current gardening groups in good standing have the option of renewing their plots each year.
11. City Municipal Code prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages, littering and destruction of City property at the community gardens.
12. No attachments to City fencing are permitted. No gardener shall use City's perimeter fencing as a trellis or to hang garden equipment.
13. Fencing/trellis materials are not to be made from building materials such as window screens. All fencing and trellis material must have a pleasant appearance and be approved by the Division of Parks and Recreation.
14. All materials used to construct the garden must be approved by the Division of Parks and Recreation.
15. No railroad ties are permitted due to creosote used in treating the lumber.
16. All utilities must be marked before digging begins. Approval from the appropriate utility company must be granted before work begins. Utility companies and the LFUCG reserve the right to disturb property in any manner necessary for utility maintenance.



17. All plot plans must be approved by the Division of Parks and Recreation and submitted with your proposal. A limited beginning garden size will be 25 feet by 25 feet. Upon success, a group may apply to expand the garden the following year.
18. The agreement with any gardener may be revoked if a space is abandoned, or if, in the opinion of the Department of Parks and Recreation, it has not been properly maintained.
19. It is the responsibility of the community gardeners to clean up their garden site mid-October-removing all stalks, plant material, stakes, string, water jugs, plastic materials and tomato cages should be taken home.
20. All signage must be approved by LFUCG Department of Parks and Recreation.
21. No permanent structures are allowed on LFUCG Department of Parks and Recreation property.
22. LFUCG Division of Water Quality (Sheila Lewis Collins, 258-3410) must approve rain garden sites prior to rain garden approval and development.
23. Charging rent or other fees for the use of land or garden plots is prohibited.
24. Pesticides must be applied according to manufacturer specifications.
25. All median gardens must be approved by the Department of Traffic Engineering.

LFUCG reserves the right to adjust these Rules & Regulations for Community Gardens.

I have read and agree to abide by the above Rules & Regulations for Community Gardens. I understand that failure to comply with any of the above Rules & Regulations may require compensation for the cost of the breach and/or termination of all rights to use the property.

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Neighborhood Association President

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Date

**Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden.**

