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 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. Gardens and walkways/roadways must be kept free of all weeds. Gardeners with neglected sites will lose the privilege of using the garden site.
7. 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.
8. Crops must be harvested once they are mature. Share extra produce with a shelter, food bank, or someone who cannot garden.
9. 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.
10. City Municipal Code prohibits consumption of alcoholic beverages, littering and destruction of City property at the community gardens.
11. No attachments to City fencing are permitted. No gardener shall use City’s perimeter fencing as a trellis or to hang garden equipment.
12. 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.
13. All materials used to construct the garden must be approved by the Division of Parks and Recreation.
14. No railroad ties are permitted due to creosote used in treating the lumber.
15. 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.