

Garden Plots at The Farm (Inside the Orchards) Rules & Regulations

1. **Annual Dues and Renewals:**

Garden access cost is a non-refundable annual fee of \$15.00. Fees are due February 28th. On March 1st, renewals add a \$5.00 late fee. ***If you have not renewed by March 15th, your garden plot will be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list.*** To renew, write a check made payable to **The Farm POA** and send to: The Farm POA 349 Folly Rd. Suite 2B Charleston, SC 29412

2. **Plot Assignment & Maintenance:**

Each gardener is assigned one standard-size plot. If there is a waiting list, no gardener can have more than one plot. Each gardener is responsible for keeping her/his plot and adjacent paths free of weeds year round. Summer gardening begins in early spring. Your plot needs to be weeded and planted by May 1st. Winter gardening begins in early fall. Your plot needs to be replanted with a winter or cover crop, amended with compost or covered with mulch by November 1st.

Beautiful community gardens require year-round active gardening. Should there be a change in your ability to garden, don't wait and let the weeds take over. Call, because non-communication and a weedy plot could result in the cancellation of your assignment.

3. **Active Participation:**

Garden plots should be cared for at as frequently as needed. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks, it will be subject to re-assignment to the next person on the waiting list. A thirty-day notice will be given to a gardener prior to cancellation. An additional responsibility for maintenance of your community garden is requested of each gardener. A checklist is provided on the application.

4. **Tools and other materials:**

This program provides no gardening tools or hoses. There is no security provided. ***The use of plastic groundcovers, plywood, painted or treated lumber is not permitted.***

5. **Children:**

Children are welcome but they must be closely supervised, since the adult present is **responsible for their safety**. Demonstrate tool safety and give each child adequate space when using a shovel, rake, hoe or trowel. No running in the garden!

6. **Herbicides and Pesticides:**

If artificial pesticides or herbicides are to be used on your soil or plants, you **must FIRST provide the POA an official MSDS** (Material Safety Data Sheet) provided by the manufacturer. These are usually available on their website. **This is of utmost importance so that other gardeners can be informed what products you are applying.** Failure to provide an MSDS will result in **immediate cancellation** of use of your plot, and may result in a charge for removal and replacement of soil.

7. **Organic = Composting:**

Feed your soil quarterly with compost. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance of the compost pile. Each gardener should please turn it once each week.

8. **Respect, Safety and Harvest:**

Please lock the gate when leaving or check with other gardeners to determine if they will lock up. Gardeners agree to respect other gardeners' efforts and not trespass on their plots. Do not harvest or water other plots unless you have been asked to by another gardener. Should you have too much produce, please share the harvest with a neighbor or friend.

9. **Letting Go:**

When you no longer wish to garden, please clean up your plot and notify the HOA. Garden plots cannot be passed onto family members, friends, or housemates. The next person on the waiting list will be offered the plot.

Garden Plots at The Farm Application and Agreement

Please complete this form and return to Capital Consultants Management. The general gardening year runs from March 1 through February 28th.
FEES FOR 2004/2005: \$15.00 Please make check payable to *The Farm POA*

Plot Description (HOA will assign): _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Please **check two areas** you are most interested in volunteering with during the season. Each gardener is expected to volunteer during the season to help with general chores:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walkway and parking area care | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower plantings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction and repair projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watering/weeding for vacationing gardeners | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost area neatness |

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Gardening Program, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Urban Gardening Program, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the POA Board or Managing Agent and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Gardening Program, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge The Farm POA, and its Board of Directors, agents, assigns and officers from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is at least 18 years old. I have read this entire Release; I fully understand it and I agree to be legally bound by it.

I have read the community garden rules and regulations and understand that they are subject to change from time to time and that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of plot fee and gardening privileges.

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____