

ECC Organic Community Garden Rules and Regulations

The Community Garden is operated by Ellicott City Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Gardening hours:

7:00 AM – Sunset Sunday-Thursday

7:00am – 4:00 PM Fridays

Garden closed: 4 PM Fridays and Saturdays (Sabbaths); in observance of the 4th Commandment.

- 1. Registration and Garden fee is \$25.00 per year.**
2. Returning gardeners must notify the ECC Community Garden Committee by December 31st if they wish to renew their existing plot for the following year.
- 3. If by June 1st there has been no sign of activity, your plot may be forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list. No refunds will be given.**
4. If a gardener must abandon their garden plot for any reason, they must notify ECC Community Garden organizer promptly.
5. Gardeners are encouraged to join the WhatsApp group, to share your thoughts and ideas.
6. All guests brought into the Community Garden are the responsibility of the gardener
7. The garden gate must remain closed as you enter and leave the garden.
8. Garden plots must be kept clean and well maintained.
9. Gardeners are to implement organic gardening principles to preserve a “healthy soil”.
- 10. The plot and area immediately surrounding it, including pathways between plots, must be kept free of weeds, invasive plants (such as mint), rotting vegetation and all other debris.**
- 11. Gardeners must plant and keep all vegetation within their established plot.**
- 12. Personal buckets, tools, and other items are not to be stored outside your personal garden plot.**
13. Tall crops are to be planted where they will not shade neighboring plots. No trees or permanent garden structures are allowed.
14. Supplies/wood/bricks/fencing of the Community Garden team are not for personal use in your garden plot.

15. Gardeners may only harvest from their own plots unless given permission by other gardeners.
16. Water spigots must be securely turned off after every use and hoses wrapped & secured.
17. Organic garden waste materials not used within the plot may be placed in the designated compost area for use by other gardeners.
18. All trash must be removed from the garden by the gardener.
19. Gardeners are expected to volunteer 8 hours per season for clean up and other needs. *Note:* All gardeners are encouraged to participate in the fall cleanup of the Community Garden.

Allowed:

- Vehicles must be parked in the designated parking lot only
- The use of organic pesticides and fertilizers

Prohibited:

- Non-organic fertilizers, herbicides, and fungicides
- Pets
- Alcohol, chewing tobacco, vaping, or smoking of any kind on the premises
- Firearms
- Growing of cannabis
- Plants considered contraband under state or federal law
- Radios or barbecues are allowed unless for an organized Community Garden event.

The ECC Community Garden reserves the right to render a final decision concerning any dispute related to the Community Garden, Rules and Regulations, and Volunteer Activities.

Have questions? Contact Paul, J.F., or Janice by **text**, **email**, or **WhatsApp**.

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