

Middletown Rec Council's Community Garden

Rules and Regulations Community Vegetable Garden Branch Park at Wiles Branch Park

In association with the Town of Middletown

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener.
2. Gardeners will supply their own tools for the gardening project.
3. Gardeners must sign a release of all claims form from the Town of Middletown before any gardening is to begin.
4. Garden plots will be cared for once a week or more. If a plot remains unattended for more than two weeks a notice will be sent to the plot holder. If the plot remains unattended after one week of notice the plot will be subject to reassignment. We encourage harvesting ripe produce on a daily basis. Red tomatoes falling from the vine invite trouble.
5. Gardeners will conserve the use of water. Mulch with leaves, grass clippings or hay to reduce water evaporation. Black plastic mulch is prohibited. Water in the mornings & evenings.
6. Each gardener is responsible for maintaining walkways around their plot by weeding, removing rocks etc.
7. Plant waste should be chopped up and placed in bags for yard waste collection.
Do not mix plant waste with regular trash.
8. Children should be closely supervised while in the garden to be sure neighboring plots are not trampled and produce picked.
9. Gardeners may not transfer their plot to another person.
10. Plots may be fenced in by the plot holder's expense. Fencing may not exceed 4 feet. Fencing must be made of chicken or rabbit wire. Stakes may be used.
11. The size of each garden plot will be 10 ft. x 10 ft. Any growth outside the grid areas is considered a violation.
12. No pets will be allowed in the garden area. Outside the garden area pets must be on a leash.
13. Gardeners will pick only their own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
14. Gardeners will plant tall plants where they will not shade neighboring plots.
15. If a gardener must abandon their plot for any reason they must notify the garden leadership.
16. Gardeners must have cultivating started by May 15th. If cultivating has not begun by the given date your plot will be assigned to another gardener on the waiting list.
17. All gardeners must participate in Fall cleanup. All dead plants, weeds, stakes and fencing must be removed from plot by November 1st.
18. The MVCGA encourage gardeners to attend our monthly meetings.
19. Plots will be assigned by a first-come first-serve basis with Middletown residents having first priority until March 31st.
20. The MVCGA will encourage organic growing methods, and will give all gardeners information on organic growing.

21. Gardeners will not use insecticides or weed repellents.
22. Unlawful plants are prohibited. A list of Maryland Noxious plants will be given to all gardeners.
23. Garden area will be open from dawn until dusk.
24. Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with the above regulations during the season may result in a loss of future garden privileges or reassignment of garden plot.

I acknowledge and accept to be bound by the above Rules and Regulations.

Signature_____ Date_____