

Knitting Mill Creek Community Garden Agreement

Guidelines for Participation

Welcome to KMC Community Garden! We rely on member cooperation and participation to keep the garden running smoothly. Please review these guidelines. Once you have signed this agreement, paid your membership and plot rental fees, and been assigned a plot, you will receive a key to the garden shed. Happy gardening!

I use this garden at the sole discretion of KMC Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.

The annual fee for rental of an approximately 80-100 sq. ft. plot is \$65. The gardening year runs March 1-February 14. There are no refunds.

Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and/or plant it within two weeks.

I will not expand my plot beyond its measurement unless approved by the garden co-chairs. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.

I will volunteer time for general maintenance to keep the garden site looking neat and tidy, at least one hour a week during April-September. This includes mowing pathways and/or weeding and cultivation of communal plots and borders and/or trash pickup, etc.

I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in the designated compost area. I will dispose of trash and non-compostable debris in the garden's trash receptacle.

I understand that all plots will be inspected three times throughout the year and that renters of plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet the guidelines will be notified. I understand that failure to respond within 14 days of notification will result in forfeiture of the plot.

I will notify the garden co-chairs if I am no longer able to tend my plot, will be absent for a long period of time, or have asked a friend to tend my garden.

I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. If vandalism or theft occurs, I will notify the garden co-chairs immediately.

I understand that dogs, except those on a leash, are not allowed.

I understand that friends and family members are welcome in the garden but that young children must be supervised so they don't disturb other plots.

I will conserve the use of water. I will mulch with leaves, grass clippings or hay to reduce water evaporation.

I will not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give my key to another person not associated with the garden.

I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

Commitment:

I have read and understand the application and accept these guidelines for participation in the Knitting Mill Creek Community Garden. I understand that failure to comply with the above may result in loss of gardening privileges.

Signed:

E-mail:

Phone:

Plot fee: \$65

Make checks payable to Knox Presbyterian Church (the garden's insurer/accountant), with "garden" noted in the memo. Mail to KMC Community Garden at 709 Mayflower Rd., Ste. 101, Norfolk, VA 23508.

Questions, suggestions, complaints? Please contact one of the garden committee members, Sue and Greg VanHecke, savanhecke@cox.net, or Jim Holden, poppajim@cox.net.