Community Garden Contact Information

General garden-related questions may be directed to Tess Phinney, NKU Sustainability Manager and NKU garden liaison: call (859) 572-1577 (office) or email nkugreen@nku.edu. Contact information of each garden liaison will be distributed at the garden orientations.

City of Highland Heights garden liaisons: Deb Ball __________________________________________
Gary Chinn __________________________________________
Asbury Methodist Church garden liaison: Rachel Wirrig ____________________________

Expectations and Guidelines

- Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the loss of your garden plot.
- Gardeners are responsible for all planning, planting, harvesting, and weeding.
- All plots will be inspected in June by Garden Liaison and all plots should be under cultivation. If plots are not under cultivation, they will be reassigned.
- Garden plots should be kept weed and pest free at all times. In cases where the plot has not been planted, is weedy, or does not meet the guidelines, the gardener will be notified. Failure to respond within seven (7) days will result in forfeiture of the plot. Garden plots will be reassigned after two “weed warnings”.
- Please conserve the use of water. Mulch with leaves, untreated grass clippings, or straw to reduce weeds and water evaporation. Notify your garden liaison of any leaks in the water line. Make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden.
- Each gardener is responsible for maintaining walkways adjacent to their garden plots and for helping to maintain the entire garden area.
- Plant waste should be chopped up and added to the provided compost bins. Do not mix trash with compost. A trash bin will be available for non-plant material.
- Harvesting other gardeners’ produce without permission is strictly prohibited. Make sure your garden is regularly harvested.
- Limited communal tools will be available and should be cleaned before returning to the tool shed. Personal tools may not be stored at the garden site. Please close the shed door and lock the gate when leaving the garden.
- The community gardens are organic. Only organic amendments and pesticides should be used.
- Be considerate of your fellow gardeners. Do not plant sprawling or tall crops that will interfere with the garden experience of others. Individual fencing of plots is allowed, but must be removed when your harvest is complete.
- Structures (i.e. trellises, stakes, fencing) must be approved by your garden liaison.
- If an emergency occurs in the garden, dial 911 immediately. When it is safe to do so, notify your garden liaison as soon as possible.
- If you bring small children into the garden, please watch them closely to be sure that
no garden plot is trampled and no one’s produce is picked.

- No pets are allowed in the garden area.
- Notify a garden advisor if you are no longer able to tend your garden plot, will be absent for an extended period of time, or have asked a friend to tend your garden.
- All dead plants, weeds, fencing, and stakes must be removed from the plot for the winter months. Your garden liaison will communicate with you regarding specific winterization dates.
- Crops must be harvested once they are mature. Share extra produce with a shelter, food bank, or someone who cannot garden. For a list of those accepting donations, email nkugreen@nku.edu
- Your compliance with these regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable & prosperous garden.