

## Garden Guidelines & Permits

This is an annual agreement for a plot at the garden, valid through March 31, 2021. A completed Application is required in addition to a non-refundable, nontransferable plot fee of \$35.00. Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis after payment is received. Plot fee includes the use of land, utilities, shared tools, compost, and mulch, if available. Any fees levied on the garden by the bank for a renter's returned check must be reimbursed to Live Healthy Gwinnett.

The garden is operated as a sustainable garden. Any chemicals and materials used must be on the Approved Materials List located at [www.LiveHealthyGwinnett.com](http://www.LiveHealthyGwinnett.com).

Access codes will be given to enter the Community Garden. Admittance hours are in accordance with Gwinnett Parks & Recreation, sunrise to sunset. To help maintain proper security do not share the access code with non-approved gardeners.

To keep common areas maintained, all gardeners agree to participate in 12 hours of community service per year.

Adhere to all Gwinnett County [ordinances](#). Respect fellow gardeners at all times. Offensive and/or profane language and any discrimination against others are prohibited.

Pets are permitted inside the garden as long as they are leashed, controlled, and show no aggression. Pets cannot be near other plots, and any waste must be disposed of by the owner immediately. If found to repeatedly leave waste unattended, lease privileges will be forfeited for the remainder of the lease term. pet owner is a visitor, they will no longer be allowed access to the garden.

Children/guests are welcome at the garden but must be accompanied by plot holder who is responsible for the guest's behavior. Any activity inconsistent with gardening shall not be allowed and may result in loss of gardening privileges.

A neat, attractive, cared-for appearance garden plot is required. Once assigned, a plot shall be properly maintained within 14 days. Plots will be kept planted, watered, harvested, weeded, mulched, and free of dead plant material (other than compost.). They must be properly maintained all year long and not left in fallow or unused condition, remaining free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Nothing may be dumped in the surrounding natural areas around the garden perimeter.

Be mindful of planting sprawling or tall crops that might interfere with other plots, if they extend beyond the assigned plot or interfere with other plots they may be cut back to the proper boundaries by Live Healthy Gwinnett. Do not plant illegal or poisonous plants. Live Healthy Gwinnett will retain the right to decide whether a plant is appropriate for the garden.

If a plot becomes neglected, every effort will be taken to notify the plot renter. If plot continues to be neglected, the plot will transfer to a new caretaker. Any produce from the reverted plot will be harvested for donation. If you can no longer take care of your plot, either temporarily or indefinitely, and cannot make arrangements for plot upkeep, please notify Live Healthy Gwinnett immediately at [HarvestGwinnett@gwinnettcounty.com](mailto:HarvestGwinnett@gwinnettcounty.com).

Harvest only from your assigned plot. Gardeners harvesting from other plots without permission will lose gardening privileges in addition to any other remedies available by law.

Place all compostable materials in designated compost areas and non-compost waste in waste containers. Plots should be properly mulched and water conservation is required. All hoses must be turned off after use and recoiled to their designated areas. The soil, compost and mulch material from the bin area is property of the garden and may not be removed.

There is no guarantee protection against vandalism or theft. Any vandalism or theft should be reported to Live Healthy Gwinnett. Any items left at the plot are at the plot renters' own risk and will be deemed abandoned at the conclusion of the permit term.

The garden guidelines are subject to change at any time. Live Healthy Gwinnett reserves the right to enforce the guidelines, and is the ultimate authority in any dispute, and reserves the right to revoke plot access for failure to comply with guidelines.

By signing this form, I have read the guidelines and permits, and agree to accept all garden rules, instructions, and regulations. Gwinnett County reserves the right to photograph and videotape all its activities, events, camps, classes, programs, and facilities for promotional purposes. *(Signature indicates agreement.)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_