

CULVERHOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The purpose and core vision of the garden project is to *create and maintain a place where gardeners can share organic gardening in a communal environment for mutual benefit.*

Responsibilities of an “Active Gardener”

	Responsibility	Rationale
1	Prepare and plant plot within two weeks of assignment.	<i>To prevent weed proliferation and begin to participate in the purpose of the garden.</i>
2	Maintain adjoining mulched paths at plot perimeter.	<i>To maintain safe access, clear boundaries, and pleasing appearance of the designated plot. Prevent inadvertent puncture of buried water lines if digging, spading, or installing garden structures.</i>
3	Prevent and control growth of weeds.	<i>To prevent maturation/seed formation and the spread of undesired plants, noxious weeds, and grasses.</i>
4	Visit your plot and maintain plantings on regular basis as necessary.	<i>To maintain the garden for the purpose of producing healthy edible produce, developing the soil, and preventing weed proliferation. Get to know the management team and develop supportive relationships with other gardeners. Minimum of two weekly visits are necessary during growing season.</i>
5	Harvest crops when appropriate.	<i>To discourage pest infestations. Use and/or share your harvest with other gardeners.</i>
6	Cover plot with natural materials when dormant.	<i>To maintain and improve health of the soil, prevent weeds, and provide a neat appearance. Covering also discourages breeding of pests and diseases.</i>
7	Arrange for assistance from other gardeners in periods of extended absence.	<i>To develop a community spirit by asking for help and offering to help.</i>
8	Remove seriously diseased plants when necessary.	<i>To prevent the spread of diseases to other gardens. To increase awareness of potential problems and solutions when they occur.</i>
9	Participate in and record volunteer activities for a minimum of 16 hours per year.	<i>Required by the County Community Garden program for effective self-management and smooth operations of the garden.</i>
10	Renew membership, file application, and pay annual fee in timely fashion.	<i>To demonstrate active intent and follow through. To release plots to be assigned to serious participants. To discourags vacancies that will require plot maintenance by others.</i>