



## Patton Township Haugh Family Preserve Community Gardens Rules and Regulations

*Community Gardens are full of neighbors, just like a subdivision. Being a good steward of your garden is also being a good neighbor.*

You are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of your garden plot. Your rent and security deposit may be forfeited if you do not follow the rules listed below.

### **Rules of Conduct:**

- Organic waste (pulled weeds and garden debris) must be placed in the designated area outside of the fence.
- There must be no trash left on your plot (this includes plastic jugs, empty planters, plastic bags, etc.)
- Please consider your neighbor's sunlight when planting large, tall plants.
- Please keep the gate to the garden closed. This helps control wildlife.
- Please only park in the designated parking area.
- Pets are prohibited in the garden area. If you or a friend have a pet, it must be on a leash, and it is not allowed to enter the fenced garden area. You must clean up after your pet and dispose of the waste in the proper location.
- The wood chips are intended for use on the paths only, not as garden plot compost.
- Compost is provided for use on individual garden plots.
- Please return any tools used to the storage shed in its original condition
- Do not leave tools or wheelbarrows in the garden area. If you notice someone has left a tool out, please place it back in the shed.
- Be courteous to your garden neighbor. Failure to cultivate your plot by allowing weeds to go to seed will lead to loss of plot and forfeiture of deposit.
- If using herbicides or pesticides, please be sure to not allow overspray to make contact with your neighbor's plot(s). Please do not apply sprays on a windy day.
- If any gardener wishes to install any insect house (solitary bee house), a formal written request must be reviewed and approved by the Community Garden Subcommittee.
- Water is provided for use with a watering can. Hoses are prohibited.
- The use of the perimeter fence as a trellis is prohibited.
- Applicants agree to hold harmless Patton Township from any injuries or personal property damage to myself or my guests that may occur at or near the garden site.
- Report any suspicious people or activity to Patton Township Police at 800-479-0050

### **The following are prohibited:**

- Subletting of plots
- Unlawful or illegal plants. If you think illegal plants are being grown, please contact the Township and the Community Garden Subcommittee
- Touching or picking anything from another plot without the owner's consent

**End-of-Season Task for Returning Gardeners:**

- Remove or secure loose items such as fencing, planting structures and pots.

Please address any questions or concerns to Nicole Harter, Open Space Property Manager, at (814) 234-0271 or [nharter@twp.patton.pa.us](mailto:nharter@twp.patton.pa.us)