

## SHELBY COUNTY COMMUNITY GARDENS

### PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

#### REVISED 2021

The appointed committee for the Shelby County Community Gardens has formulated the following procedures and regulations which are incorporated with your application for a garden plot.

Please Note: In 2002 a decision was made by county officials to include in the community gardens certain plots called "Out-Parcels" which had been utilized by various individuals over the years. These parcels are now regulated by these procedures and regulations. Persons currently using the plots are permitted to continue using the plots, provided they follow the garden rules. If a gardener no longer wishes to utilize their spot, one of the garden officials should be notified. The garden cannot be reassigned by the current user.

1. Returning gardeners will automatically be assigned the plot(s) they had last year provided procedures and regulations are followed or they request to change plots.
2. If you desire to relinquish your plot, please notify a committee member in writing giving your name and plot number or send email to: [community.gardens@shelbycountyttn.gov](mailto:community.gardens@shelbycountyttn.gov). A note with the same information may be placed in the mailbox located at the new barn. (Please note that plots are not individually transferable).
3. Seasonal gardeners should not plant until the committee has released plots for planting. As soon as spring cultivation has been completed the plots will be marked/flagged and released with a numbered white flag.
4. If a gardener plants in the wrong plot he/she will need to remove anything planted and relinquish the plot to the gardener assigned that plot.
5. Red flags mark the roads. DO NOT REMOVE THESE FLAGS.
6. A plain white flag marks the end of your garden. Leave two (2 feet) for the turnaround of tillers, etc.
7. Immediately place a sign with your name and plot number on the first row of your garden behind the white flag.
8. Do not plant in any areas other than your assigned plots. These areas have been left open for various reasons. Assigned gardens not planted and/or worked will be reassigned after May 1<sup>st</sup>. If plots appear to be unused or abandoned, they may be reassigned later in the season without further notice.
9. Unassigned plots will be assigned on first come, first serve basis. A few smaller plots (1/2 of the standard plot) might be available for those unable to work the standard size (100'x25') plots.

10. Roads are designed for access and parking. Please keep them open! No large trucks and trailers are allowed on the garden roads. These are not all weather roads. **KEEP OFF WHEN WET!** Remember if it is too wet to plow, the dirt roads are too wet to drive on.
11. Do not throw plants, vines, stalks, etc. in the dirt roads or holes in the roads. This holds moisture and causes large mud holes.
12. When planting vine crops such as cucumbers, melons, sweet potatoes and peas remember your neighbor and plant so as not to encroach on other gardens.
13. NO PRODUCE SHALL BE FOR SALE!
14. When watering, make sure that it does not overlap on to your neighbor or run on the roads. Also, watering is permissible only when you are personally in the garden.
15. Washing of cars and trucks is not permitted.
16. Areas around compost bins must be kept clean. No grass or weeds should be allowed to grow up around compost areas.
17. When using chemicals, be sure to only apply them to your garden.
18. Pets are not permitted in the gardens.
19. Children should be accompanied by adults and supervised at all times.
20. **No carpet, plastic or ground covering** should be used in the garden as it is often not pulled up and causes damage to cultivation equipment. Please only use biodegradable products.
21. All plots must be cleared of stakes, bottles, plastic, chairs, water hoses, wire cages, etc. before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Any items not removed from plots by the gardener will be taken to the road for pick up. Plots not cleared will **not** automatically be reassigned.
22. Any personal property used in the gardens, stored in the wooded area behind the gardens or stored in the barn are left at the gardeners own risk.
23. The garden committee is responsible for the operation of the gardens. Please call one of the committee members posted on the bulletin board for any problems you may have regarding the gardens.

These rules are provided so that we can enjoy friendship, fellowship and produce. Let's make an extra effort to be courteous to our neighbors. **Please Note: The violation of these rules will automatically exclude you from being reassigned a garden in the future.**