



# WILDWOOD FARMS

## Community Garden

[www.cityofwildwood.com/wildwoodfarms](http://www.cityofwildwood.com/wildwoodfarms)

## GARDENER GUIDELINES

The Wildwood Farms Community Garden (WFCG) is designed to nurture member involvement while fostering the appreciation of organic gardening. This concept relies on garden members to demonstrate good, everyday garden practices and commit to scheduled workday events. Since its beginning in 2011 with 50 beds to its current 140 beds, WFCG has been supported and directed by the City of Wildwood which regulates policies, provides supplies and enforces garden guidelines. Happy Gardening!

### **A. Membership**

\*Membership requires Wildwood residency and is renewed annually.

\*Returning members must:

1. Be in good standing (no violations)
2. Complete the online registration process, including creating an online account
3. Be in acceptance of the Garden Member Agreement, which is required by Wildwood's Insurance policy
4. Select participation days (2 Member Work Events are required, dates are available online)
5. Pay the appropriate annual plot fee (\$60, \$40 Senior {65 years or older})

\*New gardeners are invited to join as plots become available based on a waiting list which is maintained and updated by the City of Wildwood. New gardeners must then complete #2 through #5 of the above renewal process.

\*An individual plot may be shared with a secondary plot holder from a different household. The secondary plot owner has succession rights to the plot should the primary plot owner withdraw.

\*Membership and privileges may be revoked by the City of Wildwood due to violations of the Garden Member agreement. Garden guidelines and enforcement procedures are available online.

### **B. Garden Dates to Remember**

- \* Online registration begins in February for returning gardeners
- \* Garden Orientation via Zoom on March 9<sup>th</sup>
- \* Summer gardening begins after registration approval
- \* Water turned on April 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* Plots must be planted by June 1<sup>st</sup>
- \* Plots cleaned out of all debris by October 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* Fall/winter gardening available through end of year
- \* Water turned off October 15<sup>th</sup>
- \* Winter plots cleaned out of all debris by December 31<sup>st</sup>

## **GUIDELINES**

1. The Garden Management Team, comprised of volunteer garden managers and the City of Wildwood's Department of Planning and Park staff manage the garden. Please convey communication through them.
2. The garden is organic in nature with the major focus to control or eliminate herbicide and pesticide usage. Please refer online for a list of allowable and prohibited products.
3. First aid supplies, garden manager phone numbers and other information is stored in the mailbox located within the garden.

4. Stay within your plot lines. Keep the plot tended and maintained. Please contact the Garden Management Team for assistance if you need help maintaining your bed, or are out of town for an extended period of time.
5. Keep it neat! The walkway around your plot is your responsibility. Do not allow plantings to overflow, place tall plants within the plot so they will not interfere with pathways or shade your neighbor's garden.
6. Make sure to lock the garden when you are the last person to leave. Please replace the lock with numbers facing outward for easy re-entry.
7. Overnight watering or the use of sprinklers is not authorized in the garden.
8. Conserve water by shutting off hoses when finished using them.
9. Pets, drugs, alcohol, smoking and chewing tobacco are not allowed in the garden.
10. Fires are not permitted unless authorized by the City of Wildwood through a Special Events Permit.
11. The planting of illegal plants is prohibited.
12. Do not apply anything or pick anything from another bed without express approval.
13. Permanent fixtures, attached with nails or screws, shall not be installed within the garden or within your garden plot without approval of the Garden Managers. No paint, stain, varnish or other finishing products shall be applied to garden boxes.
14. Place litter in the appropriate trash containers.
15. Place garden debris and weeds in the garden yard waste section located by the northwest gate.
16. Garden tools and wheelbarrows are stored inside the garden shed for your convenience. Please clean and return them to the shed for storage.
17. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the City of Wildwood Department of Planning and Parks (Joe Vujnich, Director of Planning and Parks, Kristin Naeger, or Robyn Keefe at 636-458-0440) or the St. Louis County Police Department - Wildwood Precinct (636-458-9194).

### C. VIOLATIONS

- 1.) Complaints, policies, mediations, and enforcement are the responsibility of the City of Wildwood and the Wildwood Farms Community Garden Manager(s).
- 2.) If a gardener fails to follow the guidelines, the City will notify him/her and allow up to seventy-two (72) hours to correct the problem. If the violation is not corrected by the 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, the City will issue a 2<sup>nd</sup> and final notice. This notice will restate the problem and indicate the deadline for correction, which will be no more than an additional forty-eight (48) hours. If the violation is still not corrected, the plot will be forfeited.

### D. RECORDS

Official records of the garden include the Gardener Guidelines, Gardener Application, via an online account/registration, Garden Member Agreement/Participation, financial information, a summary of meeting discussions, and other pertinent information. These items are available online. Names, contact information, payment information, and other personal data shall not be distributed to any outside organization, nor to garden members outside the Garden Manager(s).

🌻 If you have any questions about these materials, please contact the Department of Planning and Parks at 636-458-0440, Joe Vujnich, Director of Planning and Parks, Ext: 115, [joe@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:joe@cityofwildwood.com), Kristin Naeger, Ext: 134, [kristin@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:kristin@cityofwildwood.com), or Robyn Keefe, Ext: 118, [robyn@cityofwildwood.com](mailto:robyn@cityofwildwood.com).

🌻 Thank you for your support and participation of the garden ~ Happy Gardening!