

Garden of Eat'n Plot Usage Etiquette

Plants

- Garden plots may be used to grow fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers.
- *Prohibited:* shrubs, perennials, self sowing annuals, and marijuana.

Weed Control

- Controlling weeds not only helps your plants flourish but it prevents neighbor garden plots from becoming overrun as well.
- *Recommended:* Mulch (i.e. hay, grass clippings) around established seedlings then hand weed as needed.
- *Prohibited:* Herbicides of any kind as they drift into neighboring gardens and remain in the soil long after initial use.

Insect Control

- Controlling insects is important to your own garden health, but also helps your neighbors prevent excessive damage as well.
- *Recommended:* Companion planting, fabric row covers, biological controls, like *Bacillus thuringiensis* - a bacterium that controls cabbage worms.
- *Prohibited:* Synthetic pesticides of any kind.

Disease Control

- Most problems can be controlled by maintaining a clean garden and healthy soil.
- Remove any diseased plants from the garden, bag and take home for disposal.

Fertilizers & Soil Amendments

- Soil health is important not only for your plants this season, but for future gardeners as well.
- The Garden of Eat'n strongly encourages adding ample organic material (i.e. compost, leaf mold, manure, blood & bone meal, fish emulsion, liquid seaweed) to maintain ongoing soil fertility.

Water

- Water costs are included in the nominal plot fee. Please mulch and conserve water to keep the nominal plot fee low.
- Water the base of your plants only, the leaves of the plants do not absorb water.
- Remember that Memorial United Methodist Church is providing the hose and water. After using the hose, turn off the water and wind the hose back up.

Closing Your Garden Plot

- Gardeners must clean up plots at the end of each season. Failure to do so may result in not being able to rent a plot next season. The closing date is no later than the first Saturday in November.
- All garden waste must be removed, bagged, and taken home to be disposed of.

Abandonment

- If a gardener must abandon a plot, he/she should notify garden leadership promptly either in person or by email @ buz60099@gmail.com.
- After the 3rd weekend in May, if no notification is received and no activity is observed, the lease may be terminated and the plot reassigned.
- If a plot becomes unkempt, gardeners will be given 2 week notice to clean it up. After 2 weeks, if the plot has not been maintained, gardeners understand that the plot will be forfeited and reassigned.

Please Remember

- We are guests on MUMC property where the garden sites are located. Please be a good tenant and respectful of landowners and neighbors.
- Respect other gardeners and keep your children under control.
- *Prohibited:* Abusive and profane language.
- *Prohibited:* Harvesting from other people's plots without their permission.
- *Prohibited:* Pets on the property.

I, _____, have read and agree to the
Terms for the Garden of Eat'n located at Memorial United Methodist Church in Zion.

Date _____

Contact phone number _____

Contact email _____

Plot Number(s) _____