



## City of Fredericksburg Community Garden

The City of Fredericksburg Community Garden is organized by the Fredericksburg Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Department. The Community Garden will be organic and located at the corner of Grove Avenue and Littlepage Street in the Cossey Botanical Garden. Each garden plot will be approximately 10x20 feet, and are available to City of Fredericksburg residents only on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Benefits of Community Gardens:

- Improves the quality of life for people in the garden
- Provides a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulates Social Interaction
- Encourages Self-Reliance
- Beautifies Neighborhoods
- Produces Nutritious Food
- Reduces Family Food Budgets
- Conserves Resources
- Creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
- Reduces Crime
- Preserves Green Space
- Creates income opportunities and economic development
- Reduces city heat from streets and parking lots
- Provides opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections

### Community Garden Rules

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
2. Tools will be made available for use during the regularly scheduled work time each week. A limited number of tools, hoses and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage bin. Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage bin after use. Make sure all faucets are turned off when you leave the garden.
3. Each gardening household address is allowed only one plot. Plots are available to City of Fredericksburg residents only. Each gardener will be given one key to the garden and the storage bin for access to tools and watering equipment. Gardeners are responsible for bringing that key each time they work in the garden. Keep garden gate and storage bin locked at all times and return all tools.
4. All persons wishing to obtain a gardening plot after all plots have been filled will be placed on a waiting list by date of request. Plots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. Children are welcome in the garden, but must be accompanied by an adult, and must be supervised at all times. Dogs (except seeing-eye dogs and service dogs) are not permitted in the garden area.
6. Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin. All plot fees are due in full before the garden season begins.
7. Garden plots are 10x20 feet. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than

three weeks, then that plot is subject to reassignment. No debris of any kind should be left at the site. Use trash receptacles available at the garden.

8. The application of pesticides and herbicides to the garden plots is prohibited.
9. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference for next year's plots will be given to this year's participants first, provided their plots are properly closed out the previous year.
10. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only. Harvested vegetables and flowers are for household use only, and are not to be sold.
11. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they received it in the spring.
12. If vandalism occurs, then contact the coordinator to file a report.
13. Cleanup deposits will be refunded after your plot is completely cleaned in the fall and inspected by the coordinator.

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