



## **Rules and Regulations**

### **Hours**

Tuesday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ArtsXchange may not always be on duty. Gardeners are required to vacate the Garden if severe weather threatens.

### **Parking And Bikes**

Parking is available in the rear parking lot of the ArtsXchange, located at 2148 Newnan Street, East Point, GA 30344. Please obey all posted signage and bikes are not permitted within the actual garden area and should remain outside of its limits.

### **Fees**

The initial costs for the galvanized steel garden beds are \$80 per 6' x 3' bed for the first year, with a \$50 annual renewal fee; or \$100 per 8' x 3' bed for the first year, with a \$60 annual renewal fee. The cost includes compost, irrigation, and various gardening classes. Annual fee begins at first anniversary.

### **Gardener Conduct**

1. To maintain peace and tranquility of the Garden, Gardeners are expected to treat one another and Garden staff with courtesy and respect. Foul language and disrespectful behavior are prohibited.
2. No one is permitted to trespass into any garden plot without permission of the Gardener or just cause.
3. Children must be supervised at all times to ensure they do not disturb fellow Gardeners.
4. Pets are not allowed in the Garden.
5. ArtsXchanges prohibits alcohol, illegal substances, and smoking of cigarettes on garden grounds. Firearms and dangerous ordnance are prohibited on garden grounds as well.
6. Gardeners will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition, ancestry, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, or status as a veteran.

\*\*\* Grievances must be sent to the ArtsXchange in writing: [office@artsxchange.org](mailto:office@artsxchange.org). Depending on the severity of the lapse, failure to maintain courteous, respectful behavior can result in a written notice from the ArtsXchange for denial of gardening privileges in future seasons. A serious offense such as property damage can result in immediate forfeiture of your membership. The ArtsXchange's decision will be final. \*\*\*

### **Plot assignment and resources**

Plot registration begins April 1st of each year. Gardeners are chosen on a first come first serve basis. Gardeners are limited to ownership of a maximum of 20 beds. Gardeners may not transfer their bed to anyone without written notification to the ArtsXchange. All sales of garden beds are final and under no circumstances will Gardeners be entitled, directly or indirectly, to any refunds, any direct, incidental, consequential, punitive, or other damages, any other forms of compensation from the ArtsXchange or to obtain an injunction, specific performance, or other equitable remedy, as a consequence of termination from participation in the Garden.

**Note: Anyone working in a garden bed must have a signed waiver of liability on file.**

- The ArtsXchange does not maintain an inventory of implements, hand tools, wheelbarrows, carts, etc. for Gardeners' use. Any of the aforementioned should be provided by each Gardener her or himself. ArtsXchange is not liable for any of the aforementioned that are lost, damaged, or stolen nor is ArtsXchange responsible for tools or personal property left unattended on its premises.
- Please respect signs and limits regarding usage of communal supplies such as compost, wood chips, and other membership resources.
- Any sub-agreements between individual Gardeners are subject to the Master Agreement between the Gardeners and the ArtsXchange. As a result, if the agreement between ArtsXchange and any Gardener terminates, the Gardeners' sub-agreement will terminate.

### **Plot Planting and Maintenance**

- It is mandated that nothing be planted or placed in such a way as to shade or encroach on another Gardener's plot. No illegal plants are allowed to be grown. No grapes, blackberries, raspberries, kiwi, or grapes may be grown due to their sprawling tendencies. Signage needs approval from the ArtsXchange prior to placing into garden beds.
- All Gardeners are encouraged to grow pollinator plants to attract butterflies and other pollinators. ArtsXchange is not liable for any injury from insect bites or stings.
- Garden paths must be kept free and clear of all obstacles (*i.e.*, hoses, tools, wagons, wheelbarrows, etc.). Hoses must be run along paths (not through other plots) and any spigots must be turned off after use. Unattended watering is not permitted.
- Beds must be weeded regularly. This includes adjacent paths. The use of impermeable plastic weed blocker products are prohibited in garden beds. The condition of the Garden is monitored by the ArtsChange. If a bed appears to be neglected without notice, a warning will be issued. Failure to address the warning within two weeks will result in designation of the plot as "abandoned," forfeiture of the bed (after 30 days of no reply to notification), and denial of gardening privileges in future seasons. Forfeited garden beds revert to ArtsXchange's control.
- Gardeners are responsible for ensuring their beds are maintained during vacation periods

or other absences longer than one week. If possible, please advise the ArtsXchange in advance if you will be away from your garden bed for more than one week.

- Fresh Oasis Community Garden complies with the United States Department of Agriculture's *National Organic Standards*. Thus, the use of inorganic pesticides, herbicides, and/or fungicides is strictly prohibited. Please contact the ArtsXchange if you need advice *on other* organic pesticides, herbicides, and/or fungicides. Additionally, only fully composted soil may be applied, which includes manures.
- It is strongly recommended that Gardeners compost organic material within the designated composting areas. Diseased and infected plants should be removed from the Garden and disposed of properly. **Do not compost weeds that have gone to seed or diseased plants.** Weeds, pests, and plant diseases spread quickly in a community garden. Gardeners may also choose to bag and remove organic waste. It is the responsibility of the Gardener to remove all garden waste and trash from the Garden premises.

### **Pests**

There are many gardeners, many different crops, and many different insects. With so many different gardeners, it is impractical to attempt to implement a universal pest management program. We have developed a list of acceptable and unacceptable organic pest control products, which appears at the end of this document.

### **Acceptable Products**

There are hundreds of organic products--this list is by no means comprehensive. In general, look for OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute), NOP (National Organic Products) or OEFFA (Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association certification on packaging. Our local garden centers carry many organic products.

#### ● **FERTILIZERS/SOIL AMENDMENTS**

- Organic, packaged fertilizers-- Improves plant vigor and stress resistance.
- Finished Compost and/or Manures – must be well-composted before use
- Wood ashes – use sparingly as ashes raise the pH level
- Azomite
- Green Sand
- Mushroom Compost
- Garden Tone
- Lime
- Alfalfa
- Worm Castings
- Fish Emulsion
- Compost Tea

#### ● **INSECTICIDES**

- Garlic, hot pepper, and other kitchen mixes to mix and use as a spray 2. Kaolin Clay (Surround)--protective barrier
- Spinosad-- caterpillars, leaf miners, Colorado Potato Beetle larvae
- Insecticidal soaps – check labels for organic seal
- Diatomaceous earth – controls slugs and snails, but dust can be harmful to

- beneficials
- NEEM oil – promotes health and vigor of plants, some formulations registered as insecticides
- Sluggo – slugs and snails. Contains iron phosphate, a naturally occurring soil mineral and bait.
- Pyganic – (pyrethrin) Colorado potato beetle, cucumber beetle, flea beetle 9. Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis--Dipel) – leaf eating caterpillars
- **FUNGICIDES**
  - Serenade (Bacillus subtilis)
  - Sulfur
  - Copper (Use with extreme caution, as this has known impact on honeybee populations)
  - Botanical Oils
- **UNACCEPTABLE PRODUCTS**
  - Chemical fertilizers
  - Liquid fertilizers such as Miracle-Gro, Miracid, or Peters
  - Chemical treatments for pests or diseases
  - Sevin
  - Rotenone
  - Malathion
  - Sabadilla
  - Methoxychlor
  - Diazonin
  - Chemical slug baits other than Sluggo
  - Any products that are not listed as certified organic products (OMRI, OEFFA, or NOP certificates are acceptable for certified organic production)

### **Guidelines for Compost Bins and Weed Pit**

Tending to the compost already requires plenty of heavy lifting, and there's nothing more discouraging to our Gardeners than having to clear inappropriate materials from compost!

Directions for proper composting:

- Please first fill the bin on the right as you are facing the bins.
- You are welcome to bring leaves, shredded paper, vegetable scraps, and lawn clippings from home to add to the bins if you like. (Please no lawn clippings from lawns treated with herbicides or 'weed and feed' products)
- When adding 'green' materials (vegetable scraps, weeds, grass, etc.) please mix some 'brown' material in (leaves, shredded paper, etc.) at about a 1:1 ratio. Note: Weeds that have gone to seed should not be put in the bins.
- A team of compost volunteers will move material from one bin to the next to ensure efficient composting. Please respect their hard work by only putting compost in the currently active bin. Once compost is fully composted (in the farthest left bin), it is available to anyone to use.

### **Safety**

ArtsXchange is not liable for any injury of any kind as a result of Gardeners working in the community garden, which includes injury from insect bites or stings or allergies from plants. Please use precaution when working in the community garden.

### **Winter Cleaning**

Winter cleaning is required by Gardeners no later than December 31st if they do not plan to grow during the winter. At the conclusion of the fall season (December 19th), raised beds must be cleaned of dead crops. All manmade materials, including weed-blocking material and staples/pins, must be removed. Remaining vegetation (including vines and plant stalks) must be cut to lengths/heights of less than two (2) feet and distributed evenly across the plot. All seeds must be gone.

Without notice and permission, and minus a winter garden plan, Gardeners who fail to complete the cleaning process by the end of the year may be denied gardening privileges in future seasons.

**Failure to comply with any of the above Rules and Regulations can result in the Gardener forfeiting his or her membership and being excluded from the Garden program.** Violations may be reported to the ArtsXchange using the Incident Report which will be issued to the Gardener by the ArtsXchange.

**I have read and understand the above and agree to comply with the same:**

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**Gardener's Signature & Date**