

New Gardener - Garden Application & Guidelines 2019
SHERWOOD FRIENDS COMMUNITY GARDEN
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Welcome to the Sherwood Community Friends Church *Better Together Project*. Our goal is to give an opportunity to those in our community who do not have the ground area and means of gardening, a chance to have fresh produce, grow in the community, and learn new skills.

To provide the best experience for all gardeners, we have developed the following guidelines. To apply for a plot or spring box, please carefully read the guidelines, fill out the portion below, the waiver form, return to the church office or scan forms to the garden email above. Beginning **April 8th**, **admission for new gardeners is by order of application**, we will contact you as soon as the plots/spring boxes are filled & inform you if you are accepted.

1. One 5' x 20' plot per gardener/family. (An optional spring box requires a payment of \$10 at the office.)
2. Plots are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. A meeting day to choose plots and make introductions will be held **at 9am Sat. April 13, 2019**. Garden will open **Sat. May 18, 2019** for planting, **pending weather and tilling**. Produce must be harvested and plots cleaned by **Sat. October 19, 2019**. This includes the removal of everything brought into the garden. Compost bins are available near the parking lot. Uncleared plots will lose the privilege of using a plot next season.
3. Gardeners are responsible for providing their own tools, seeds, and plants.
4. Water, hose(s), and nozzle(s) will be available at the garden. Watering is the responsibility of the gardener and gardener is requested to stay on-site while they are using the water.
5. All gardeners are responsible for controlling the weeds at the beginning of and throughout the growing season as well as preventing them from spreading to other gardens.
6. Please use only established paths for going to and from plots, and keep them clear.
7. Plowing/tilling with no fertilizer or mulch will be done before the garden opens. Gardeners are encouraged to use mulch for weed suppression. Fertilizers and pesticides should be organic and used sparingly. Drift/runoff to neighboring plots should be avoided.
8. Garden space is at a premium. Please honor the spirit of community by tending to your garden on a regular basis. If the committee deems that you have abandoned your plot, two warning notices will be given over a 2-week period. After this time the plot will be cleared and you will be unable to use a plot the following year.
9. Children must be supervised during the garden visits. And pets are not allowed.
10. Tall crops (corn, sunflower, trellised plants) may be grown, but should not shade another plot.
11. If assistance is needed to care for the plot, please contact a committee member or fellow gardener who will assist you in finding care for the period needed (example, out of town, medical issues, etc.).
12. Gardeners are responsible to inform guests, family members and other invitees of the Guidelines.
13. If there is an over abundance of crop in your plot, you may gather the extra to share with the community, or the Senior Center.
14. Sherwood Community Friends Church is not liable in case of accident, theft, or vandalism.
15. Garden Hours are 7:00 am – 8:30 pm, 7 days a week. (Note: Sherwood Charter School runs Mon – Thurs)
16. All gardeners are encouraged to get to know one another and share in the wealth of their crops.

Thank you for your time and we hope to see you in the Community Garden!
Please keep a copy of the above guidelines for your reference.

 I have read, acknowledged and will follow the Sherwood Friends Community Garden Guidelines. Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____

Gardener Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Do you have any special needs for assistance in order to tend to your plot? _____

Would you like to be in the Directory of Gardeners? _____

(The Directory will only be given to all Community Gardeners and only be used to enhance growing opportunities by the sharing of extra seeds, tools, produce, gardening tips, help with care of rows, etc.)