

# Hanover Evangelical Friends church

## Community Garden

### **Gardener Authorization & Responsibilities**

1. Beds are available to area residents on a first come, first served basis. The Garden Coordinator will maintain a waiting list. Gardener must submit a new application each spring.
2. If for any reason you find you cannot care for your garden, you are required to notify the Garden Coordinator and plan with other gardeners to water and maintain your bed(s) during your absence. If a garden appears neglected/abandoned (unwatered and/or overrun with weeds), you will be given ten (10) days' notice to maintain your bed(s). After this time your bed(s) will be re-assigned.
3. Each gardener is responsible for using sustainable /organic gardening methods; **the use of non-organic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers is prohibited.** If you are new to organic gardening guidance is available.
4. Water; use of rain barrels is open to all gardeners. Watering cans are the responsibility of each gardener. When rain barrels are empty, gardeners must bring water from home. Church water faucet & hose use is prohibited.
5. Gardeners are responsible for their own tools, support structures (staking, tomatoes cages, trellising) and removal of same when not in use. No tools, water cans or other supplies may be left at the garden. All support materials must be removed at the end of the season.
6. Gardeners will be responsible for keeping their beds harvested and free of weeds.
7. Each gardener is responsible for clearing his/her bed(s) before the close of the season. All dead plants, weeds, trash, tools, sticks, and cages are to be removed by November 31 each year.
8. Gardeners are encouraged to use the compost bins with the following guidelines: No diseased plants, chemically treated materials (plants or cardboard), and only black ink shredded paper.
9. Use of alcohol, tobacco products and prohibited substances is disallowed.

#### Got Questions?

Questions regarding the Community Garden should be directed to the Garden Coordinator:  
Nora Righter by email at [nmrighter@gmail.com](mailto:nmrighter@gmail.com).

For "how to" questions regarding gardening the following resources are available:

1. Hanover Extension Master Gardener Volunteer  
804-752-4310  
email [hanover.master.gardener@gmail.com](mailto:hanover.master.gardener@gmail.com)  
web site [www.hanovermastergardeners.org](http://www.hanovermastergardeners.org)
2. The Extension Service web site is an excellent resource: [www.ext.vt.edu](http://www.ext.vt.edu)