

FBGA

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2011 Rules and Regulations

Please read these rules carefully. Failure to abide by these rules will forfeit your rights as a community gardener at FBGA and your plot will be taken away and reassigned.

Garden Hours

During the growing season (April 1 through October 31) the community gardens are open daily from sunrise to sunset.

The following rules and regulations apply to all members and their guests. In addition, each member is responsible for checking the bulletin boards for any changes and updates regarding policy, rules, regulations and events sponsored by FBGA, including educational workshops. Please keep this document for your records.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. FBGA wishes all members a fruitful and fun season!

1- **Identification**: Each assigned plot must bear the last name, first initial and plot number of the user at all times.

This sign must be clearly visible and erected at the onset of the growing season.

All vehicles in the garden parking areas must display the parking permit on the rear view mirror at all times.

2- **Community Service** Each Gardening Family (garden members at the same address) is required to perform community service. The number of hours will be determined annually by the Board of Directors. Notice of the required number of hours will be sent with garden applications and stated on Opening Day/ Permit Distribution.

3- **Fencing** The following products are absolutely prohibited in the garden area: **lattice fencing, chain link, orange construction, bed frame fencing, or concrete construction** of any kind in or around a plot. Do not fence in more than 4 plots together. “

4- **Plot Maintenance**: - Each member must respect and adhere to the assigned layout dimensions and will not exceed the maximum dimensions allocated of approximate size 10' X 20' single, 10' X 40' (X), or 20' X 20' (U).

All garden fencing will not exceed five (5) feet in height. Each member is required to keep their plot and the aisle in front of their plot free of weeds.

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If a member is temporarily or permanently unable to maintain his/her plot as required, the member will notify FBGA in writing before the plot becomes unsightly or overgrown with weeds. If a plot is determined to be abandoned by FBGA and there is no record of this written notification, the plot will be reassigned.

5- **Garden Plots at FBGA are non-transferable.** If the registered gardener is unable to garden due to death or long term illness and an immediate family member (spouse or children) would like to continue to garden a request must be sent in writing to FBGA. The Administration committee will review the request and let the family member know in writing.

6- **Shade:** No gardener may erect anything in their garden that shades a neighbors garden. **Tarps may not be used** on top of shade areas. Use roll up shade covering and leave rolled up when not in the garden. No structure in a garden plot may exceed 6 ½ feet in height and must be placed at least 4 feet from fence to avoid shading other gardens.

7- **Aisle Maintenance:** All aisles and walkways must provide a minimum width of forty-eight inches for safe public access. No obstructions of any kind such as plants, flower beds, boxes, mats, rugs, or carpets are permitted in the walkways or aisles. Wood chips in the aisles are authorized and recommended annually.

8- **Community Areas-** No unauthorized tree cutting, removal or pruning allowed. Members must consult with an official from the Administration and/or Landscape Chairperson before altering any tree, shrub or plants within or around the community areas

9- **Picnicking /Barbequing:** All gardeners are welcome to use the picnic area and gazebos. If you are planning to have a large group, the Administration must be notified 2 weeks before the event. Charcoal fires are the only type of fire allowed in the picnic area or gazebos. Charcoal ashes must be placed in the Charcoal cans located near each grill. All trash must be carried out to the garbage cans in the parking area. **THERE IS NO PICINICING OR BARBEQUING ALLOWED IN THE PARKING AREAS**

10- **Prohibited Activities:** Taking things from community growing areas and/or your neighbors' plots, physical, written or verbal assaults, racial, ethnic, religious, gender,

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physical or sexual orientation slurs, disorderly conduct, unrestrained pets, ball playing, skating, loud music, littering, feeding of wild animals, and the use of chemical pesticides or fungicides such as Sevin, Captan, Diazinon and Malathion. FBGA encourages the use of organic fertilizers.

See reverse side for organic fertilizer suggestions.

11- Garbage Disposal: The trash receptacles around the gardens are for trash and lightweight items only, such as diseased plants, food and beverage containers. The following materials should be placed in bags or tied up and placed near these containers: wood, metal, soil, and rocks. Weeds and spent plants **MAY NOT BE LEFT IN THE PARKING AREAS**. Bring the weeds and spent plants to the community compost area.

12- Community Compost Area: Only vegetation and organic matter (biodegradables/weeds) are to be placed in the designated compost area. **NO PLASTIC BAGS OR TRASH OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED.**

13- Water Policy: Members are prohibited from altering or tapping into the main water system. No unauthorized plumbing work is allowed within the garden area without approval from FBGA and the Chair of Operations and Maintenance. In the event of a drought emergency, all gardeners must comply with NYC conservation rules imposed and in effect. During this time no automatic sprinkler systems or watering by hose will be allowed. In case of drought, check the bulletin boards for updated information and policy concerning water restrictions. All water containers including but not limited to tubs, barrels, ponds, and bird baths must be treated in order to prevent mosquito breeding by using either Mosquito Dunk or fish that eat mosquito larvae.

14- End of Season: Members are not permitted to work in or around the garden area during the off-season period (November 1 through March 31) unless you are registered with FBGA/NPS as a Volunteer of the Park.

All plots must be cleaned for the winter. All tools, buckets etc. must be secured against high winds. It is highly recommended that a cover crop such as clover, winter rye, buckwheat, hairy vetch or vetch be planted at the end of the growing season to prevent soil erosion.