

Fort Knox Community Garden - 2020 Season

Our mission is to strengthen our neighborhood by maintaining a community garden that provides a common ground for neighborhood members to garden together and get to know each other.

Guidelines for 2020 growing season -

- 1) Claim your plot by planting NLT May 15 (if you need an exception, contact garden POC)
- 2) Be mindful and respectful of neighboring plots by:
 - a) **Not using non-organic pesticides/herbicides**
 - b) Planting tall crops in ways that don't shade other plots
- 3) Please rinse tools off after use and return them to the shed before leaving.
- 4) To keep the garden looking pleasant:
 - a) Regularly weed your garden or make arrangements if you can't keep up (it happens!)
 - b) Pick up any trash you see around the garden
 - c) Ensure timely harvest of ripe plants, culling of diseased plants, and pulling of dead plants
 - d) All organic waste from the garden can/should be tossed in the compost pile
- 5) Composting
 - a) Food scraps (not meat, oily, or dairy) are welcome in the compost pile. When you add some, turn the pile.
 - b) Help create the correct balance of greens/browns to the pile by bringing yard clippings, paper/cardboard (cut into small pieces or strips first), dryer lint, cotton scraps etc.
 - c) We can all make sure the compost area is looking tidy. The garden POC will ensure that it is being properly rotated and at the proper temperature.
- 6) Pets are welcome in the garden - just ensure they aren't bothering others or digging in plots

Kids Garden Guidelines -

- 1) All children are welcome to plant something.
- 2) Ideally the children will maintain their beds but if they fall behind, parents should help out.
- 3) If your child plants something, suggest making a label so other children can learn what is growing.
- 4) Remind them to only harvest what they plant unless they all decide to share their bounty

Important Dates 2020 -

April 21 - Approximate last frost day

May 15 - Drop dead date for getting something planted to claim your plot (contact garden POC for exception)

August 3 - Community garden work party (upkeep of communal space and tools)

October 4 - Community garden work party (cleaning up for off season)

October 21 - First potential frost

Conflict resolution -

We want the garden to be a joyful place for all participants but sometimes disagreements happen. When they do follow the steps below -

- 1) Go directly to the person and talk to them
- 2) If a solution can't be found, bring in a third party as mediator
- 3) Contact garden POC if conflict continues

Fort Knox is in USDA plant hardiness zone 6b

2020 Garden POC
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