
General Guidelines

- The rental period is from March 1 through December 31. Annual fees will not be pro-rated or refunded. Checks should be made payable to "City of Charlottesville."
- Plots may be renewed by renters from year-to-year. All other plots will be rented on a first-come first-served basis in the condition they were left by the previous renter. If there are no plots available at your preferred location, you will be placed on a waiting list. Renewal registration begins January 24 and concludes on February 4.
- Fees for City Residents (Azalea and Meadowcreek): \$50 per year Applications from City residents who are new participants in the program will be taken beginning February 7 and Non City Residents may apply beginning February 14.
- Fees for Non-City Residents (Azalea and Meadowcreek): \$70 per year, half plots are \$40. Applications from Non-City residents who are new participants will be taken beginning February 14.
- For new garden plot applicants, only one plot will be issued per person.
- Garden plots are not rented to commercial growers. Produce grown in City Garden Plots is for personal consumption only and may not be sold.
- Gardeners may not transfer or sublet their plots. If you no longer wish to garden, or you are moving out of the area, please call (434) 970-3260 and return your plot to the City for use by other gardeners.

Gardener Maintenance Responsibilities

- All gardeners must maintain their plots in a reasonable manner. Weeds and garden debris can serve as cover and food for undesirable insects, rodents, and other vermin. Parks and Recreation staff will, at its discretion, inspect and send notices to gardeners whose plots are weedy, unsightly, or used in an inappropriate way. The letter will instruct the gardener to take corrective action. If no corrective action is taken within 14 days of the date of the letter, the plot will revert back to the City. No refunds will be given.
- Soil preparation and regular clean up are the responsibility of each gardener. The trash cans are for small trash only. All organic gardening debris and non-organic debris such as fencing and garden stakes must be carried off site. It is illegal to dump trash in the woods near the gardens.
- Gardening is permitted dawn to dusk.
- Tools and related gardening equipment left at a garden plot site are left at your own risk. Hoses must be neatly rolled up and stored. Hoses, stakes, bags and debris must not be left outside of your plot; it is a danger to the mowers. Please remove all standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.
- Use of pesticides must conform to the current recommendations of Virginia Cooperative Extension as outlined in publication 456-018 "Pest Management for Home, Grounds, and Animals," available on the web on their Home Gardening/Pest Management site (www.ext.vt.edu/resources). Use caution when spraying any type of pesticide or herbicide to prevent drifting into other plots.

Responsibilities to Your Fellow Gardeners

- Please do not block garden paths with vehicles, equipment or debris.
- At no time should you build a structure or plant anything that will shade or interfere with another plot. Building berms or channeling water from your plot is not allowed if it adversely affects neighboring plots.
- Fencing may be used around your plot but it must be made of chicken wire or other open mesh materials that allow light transmission. Fencing may not exceed six feet in height and may not be attached to the numbered garden plot stakes. Under no circumstances should numbered garden plot stakes be removed or relocated. The City of Charlottesville reserves the right to disallow any fencing or other structures which may be detrimental to the site.
- Theft or other illegal activity at garden plot sites should be reported to the Police Department. Call the non-emergency number, 434-977-9041.
- Gardeners may dig, plant, weed, and harvest within the confines of their own garden plots. With these exceptions, gardeners must follow these rules and regulations.