

2009 Christ United Methodist Garden Guidelines

The purpose of the CUMC garden is to provide an enjoyable gardening experience for all those who are participating in the garden community, while extending the hand of fellowship as Jesus commanded. For this reason, observe the rules of the garden, and be a good neighbor.

1. In accordance with God's will. Those who share Christ's garden shall agree to donate their first fruits to a charity or needy family of their choosing. Exodus 34: 26
2. In obedience to God, the garden shall not be tended on the Sabbath day. Exodus 34:21 "Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest; even during the plowing season and harvest you must rest.
3. The garden's executive committee has the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions of all gardeners. They have authority to resolve conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener or dismissing a current gardener.
4. Garden plots will be open April 4 at 1 pm. Produce must be harvested and plots cleaned by (October 15, 2009) This includes the removal of everything brought into the garden.
5. Individual plots will be approximately , 8 x 8'. All plots will be marked off and numbered. Rental fees are estimated to be \$20 each. You may put in a request for a 16 x 16' plot, but fewer of these will be available in the lottery.
6. No chemical weed killer (herbicides) may be used. Pesticides are strongly discouraged. The best prevention is to check your garden often and communicate with your fellow gardeners. We will offer information on the website for fighting pests organically.
7. Plants must be grown within plot boundaries. Tall crops (sunflowers, corn, trellised plants) may be grown, but should not shade another garden plot. Pumpkins, watermelons and other plants that encroach on neighboring garden areas are not permitted.
8. Water will be available on site. Hooking up a garden hose to the coupler is allowed. If doing this please be considerate of other gardeners. **Gardeners must be present when their hose is hooked up to the water source.** All gardeners must adhere to water restrictions, which are strictly enforced by the City of Roswell Zoning Department. Watering on Sunday is not permitted.
9. Geese frequent the garden and are protected animals. The use of scarecrows, and bright metallic items such as pie pans, and CD's are allowed to deter geese.
10. Children should be restricted to your plot and the common areas of the garden. Teach your children to respect others' plots and not to waste water. Pets are not allowed in the gardens.
11. Plastic mulch and plastic orange fences are not allowed.
12. Gardens should look tidy all growing season. Gardeners are responsible for controlling weeds at the beginning and throughout the growing season.
13. All gardeners are responsible for providing their own tools, seeds, and plants.

I _____ the undersigned by signing this document attest that I have read and agree to the above guidelines. I am enclosing my payment in the amount of \$_____ for my garden plot. By signing this document I release any Christ United Methodist church from any liability whether expressed or implied.

Date _____ CUMC Representative _____