

Kitts Creek Garden Club Rules

The following shall be the rules and regulations for the use and operation of the Kitts Creek Garden Club (the "Garden") by its members and their guests, together with such other rules as established from time to time by the Garden Coordinator.

1. **Authorized Use:** Only residents of Kitts Creek who are active (paid) members of the Kitts Creek Garden Club (KCGC) are permitted to use the designated facilities for the purpose of growing produce. As with other neighborhood clubs, HOA dues must be in good standing to participate in the garden.

2. **Hours of Operation:** The Garden is open to members only during daylight hours from January 1st to December 31st for the purpose of conducting garden operations.

3. **Location:** The garden is located at 1004 Circadian Court, between Sommers Drive and Hemby Ridge Lane.

4. **Site Access:** Use of any other areas on the property other than those outlined in this agreement is prohibited. If violations occur KCGC will be notified by the HOA. Continued violations may result in termination of the member's agreement.

5. **Equipment:** *(tentative - final rules to be determined when equipment is in place)*

- a. Community tools will be available on official work days as scheduled by the Garden Committee and posted on the KC Social Calendar and KCGC Facebook.
- b. Tools must be properly cleaned before storing or being returned to the owner.
- c. Members who sign up to work in the Garden at other times should confirm they have the needed tools or request access from the Garden Committee.
- d. Members will be informed of the proper usage of the tools and are expected to use them appropriately in order to avoid breakage or injury. Notify the Garden Committee immediately in the case of breakage or other damage.
- e. No one is to use large (defined as anything larger than a hand tool) or electrical equipment without the express permission of the Garden Committee.

5. **Safety:**

- a. Please make sure you keep all pathways clear of items at all times.
- b. Wear appropriate clothing, sturdy shoes and face/eye protection when using tools.
- c. It is highly recommended to wear gloves while gardening and wash your hands afterward.
- d. Children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times, both for their own safety and to ensure the smooth operation of the Garden.
- e. Remember to bring a filled water bottle to stay hydrated while gardening.
- f. It is advisable to immersion rinse all harvested produce before using.
- g. For personal safety, please carry a cell phone and notify others where you are.
- h. Please coordinate your schedule with other members using the schedule on the KCGC Facebook.

6. General: *(note - not all hoses, equipment are currently in place)*

- a. Gardeners may not store personal equipment at the Garden site without prior consent of the Tool and Equipment Manager.
- b. No amendments to the soil are to be made without the consent of the Garden Committee.
- c. Take all trash with you when you leave and dispose of it properly.
- d. We are not allowed to have dogs or other pets in the Garden at any time. If there is a special need for a guide dog, please inform the Garden Committee.
- d. The garden is a place for neighbors to come together in friendship. No disruptive behavior that will negatively impact our neighborhood will be tolerated, including loud noises, vulgar language, threats or other intimidation of other gardeners or guests.
- e. Tobacco or alcohol products are not allowed in the Garden.
- f. Use care when watering so standing puddles do not develop.
- g. Turn off all water faucets prior to leaving the garden. Coil hoses neatly.
- h. Use of member personal information from any mailings, phone lists or other Garden media FOR NON-GARDEN PURPOSES is strictly prohibited.
- i. Members will act in a safe and responsible manner while in the Garden.
- j. Members will cooperate and interact harmoniously with other members while at the Garden. Failure to do so may lead to termination of membership in the Garden.
- k. Members will accept the right of the Board to discontinue any membership.

7. Compost: *(In process of being finalized)*

- a. Compost will be maintained on site. Only approved items listed on the Garden Facebook are to be added. If you have any question about acceptable materials, please ask our Garden Committee.
- b. Chop material as small as possible and water and turn material regularly. Adding coffee grounds will increase compost temperature, kill weed seeds and speed compost.
- c. You are welcome to contribute material from your home compost as long as it meets the guidelines on our Facebook.
- d. Do not add weeds, weed seeds, Bermuda grass, palm seedlings or other detrimental materials.
- e. Remove all plastic or non-biodegradable items (e.g. plant tags, plastic pots) before putting items into the compost.

8. This is a pesticide, herbicide, chemical free garden. Use of any of these products anywhere in the garden area is prohibited.

9. Contact Info: It is your responsibility to be sure that the Garden Committee has your current contact information. Any correspondence mailed to the address on file will be considered delivered.

10. Harvesting: Please harvest only what your family can reasonably use. Members accept the right of the Garden Committee to set a more stringent harvest policy based on the size of membership and quantity of harvestable produce.

11. Building storage/use: *(to be determined when storage shed is in place)*

- a. Flammable liquids and pesticides are not permitted to be stored on site.

- b. KCGC is responsible for keeping the storage facility and all stored materials in a neat and orderly condition at all times.
- c. Any cost for materials and labor to maintain and repair the designated storage building is the responsibility of the KCGC.
- d. With prior approval from the HOA, KCGC is permitted to install protective temporary fencing around the garden area.

12. Water: *(in process)*

- a. Water to the site will be provided via an irrigation meter supplied by the Town of Cary. KCGC will work with the HOA and KC HOA Management to install the water hook-up and water account with the Town of Cary.
- b. KCGC will be responsible for adhering to the Town of Cary's watering schedule. If extreme drought conditions prompt the Town of Cary to prohibit any such use of water, KCGC cannot be held responsible if no produce can be harvested at season's end.
- c. Consult with the Garden Committee before using soaker hoses or sprinklers that will consume large amounts of water if left on.
- d. Please reduce tripping hazards by properly coiling and storing hoses after use.

14. Site Maintenance: *(note - there are no current recycling or waste bins at the site)*

- a. Garbage/Waste Disposal: KCGC is responsible for removing all garbage and waste materials from the site. There are currently no waste containers at the garden. If bins are added in the future, they will be only town approved solid waste and recycling containers and will be in compliance with the disposal requirements and schedules.
- b. Debris: (sticks, planting containers, fodder, etc) KCGC is responsible for the removal of any debris/yard waste materials. Some of these items are now recyclable through garden suppliers, if they cannot be recycled by the town. Contact the Garden Committee for assistance.

15. Environmental Factors:

- a. KCGC has built a compost area that is on site. KCGC is responsible to ensure the compost area is maintained in such a manner as to not attract animals or produce undue amounts of smell.
- b. The compost pile size will be limited to what is produced and/or needed for the garden area only. KCGC is not permitted to bring in and store compost from other locations.
- c. KCGC is not currently permitted to establish or conduct a compost giveaway program to people that are not members of KCGC.

16. Rules to Maintain a Safe and Pleasant Garden

- a. Whenever you come to the garden, log your time on the Volunteer hours sheet on our Facebook.
- b. Whenever you harvest for yourself, or for a donation, complete the information on the Wednesday, December 6, 2017 Harvest Log on our Facebook.
- c. Put back any (cleaned) tools, gloves, etc. before you leave the garden.
- d. Do not leave stakes, hoses or any other items laying around that can get caught in mowers/trimmers or otherwise cause a fellow member harm.
- e. Take all trash with you and properly dispose or recycle it.