



FRIENDS OF JOHNSTON  
**Community Garden**  
AT CAMEL'S HUMP FARM

## GUIDELINES

Welcome to the Community Garden! In order to help us work together we ask that all Community Garden Members read the guidelines below. Failing to follow these guidelines may result in loss of your gardening privileges and of rental fee and deposit.

### Responsibilities of the Friends of Johnston

The Friends of Johnston, Inc. will have the garden plots, a water source and compost bins prepared for planting by mid April. The Community Garden will be available to the public from dawn to dusk. Some hand tools will be available for use. Please sign them out and clean them before returning them to their proper place in the tool shed. Our Garden Manager will be available by email and on site if you need assistance. Inspections will start the first week of May and there after. The Friends of Johnston, Inc. is providing this garden space as a courtesy to the public and all gardeners use this space at their own risk. The Friends of Johnston, Inc. assumes no responsibility or liability for use of this space, and is not responsible for vandalism or theft.

### Guidelines

- a. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. Plot fees is due before planting or by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the following year.
- b. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season. Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and help with garden upkeep and special projects.
- c. You must have your garden plot cleared and ready to plant by May 1
- d. You must have your plot planted by June 1
- e. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears to be untended for a long period of time, and you haven't contacted the garden manager, your plot may be assigned to another gardener. Call the garden manager if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the garden manager know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
- f. You must use clean containers, such as buckets or plastic milk cartons for getting water. Do not wash your hands, feet, tools, vegetables or anything else in the farm provided water barrels.
- g. You must neatly store all of your containers and tools in one area on your plot.
- h. You must keep your plants contained to your garden plot only.
- i. Do not remove the stake with your plot number on it unless given permission from Garden Manager.
- j. Use only black plastic, weed fabric, wood chips or mulch for weed control
- k. **All trash must be taken home for disposal.** Only garden waste from your garden plot can be placed in the garden compost bin.
- l. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their express approval.
- m. Individual fencing of plots with chicken wire or other open mesh materials is allowed no taller than 6 feet.
- n. Please supervise children in the garden. A children's area will be designated for children to play.

## **The Following are NOT Permitted in the Garden Plot**

- No Sheds, shelters or tires
- No Herbicides such as Roundup. Check the bulletin board for healthy alternatives.
- No Non-organic pesticides. Check the bulletin board for healthy alternatives.
- No Tall or sprawling plants such as sunflowers or corn that interfere with or shade other gardens. If this happens you will be asked to remove the plants.
- No Trees, woody shrubs, grapevines or invasive plants unless approved by garden manager
- Strawberries are the only berry allowed and must be planted in the center of your garden plot
- No containers with open standing water, which can become a mosquito breeding ground.
- No open fires and no loud music
- Do not plant or store anything outside your garden plot area
- No alcohol or smoking
- No trash
- No pets

## **Garden Inspection System**

The Garden Manager will inspect your plot during the first week of May and every 1-2 weeks after that. If a guideline has been violated, Garden Manager will notify you via email or call of the violation. You have two (2) weeks to correct the problem. If not corrected, you may lose your garden plot, your garden fees, and your eligibility to garden with us again.

## **Clean-Up**

Your garden plot must be cleaned up by the end of the growing season. You must have all dead plants and weeds removed by mid November. Late crops and perennials may remain in your garden only if you have prepaid for next year's plot by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Parking and Announcements**

- Park in the parking lot across from the garden. The speed limit is **5 mph** as children are on this property.
- Announcements will be posted on the bulletin board that is located at the garden entrance, emailed, website and on social media.

Please realize that the Garden Manager is responsible for making sure that these guidelines are followed so that everyone can have a pleasurable gardening experience. Please be respectful and courteous if asked to change or correct something. Being confrontational or disrespectful will result in you losing the privilege of having a garden plot and your fees will not be refunded.

I have read and agree to follow the rules and regulations above.

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Your Name

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Date