

# PENN HILLS COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES, REGULATIONS & WAIVER

- I will pay a fee of \$25 to help cover garden expenses / rental of space – fee must be received by January 1<sup>st</sup> as some may wish to start planting in March. This has been enacted to make sure all garden plots are filled. Former plot holders will have the opportunity to keep their plot if renewed by the January 1<sup>st</sup> date. Fee must be received by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. **January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Any remaining plots will be available to the public.**
- **Plot holders must have something planted in the garden by June 1<sup>st</sup> and keep it planted all summer long. June 2<sup>nd</sup> plots will be turned over to those on the waiting list.** If you determine that you are not interested in cold crop plantings – you will need to prepare your plot for Spring and Winter to keep weeds in check.
- My plot will be maintained “all year long”. This means – **plot and surrounding plot area will be weed free, including fence area near your plot. Rotting fruit is not permitted** – Please let your Garden Rep. know if you are unable to manage your plot and provisions may be made. (You may also ask your garden neighbors to help out during extended vacations or for any reason where there is a long-term leave.)
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason– I will notify the Garden Rep. or Garden Manager. If I cannot be contacted within a 7 day period – my garden plot will become a donor plot or be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. (Contact information turned in on this form will be used)– Plot holder contact info changes must be sent to Garden Rep or Garden Manager.
- I am responsible for all actions of non-garden members / guests that I bring on site - they must abide by all rules and regulations
- Children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times.(Please be advised that there are hazards in our garden such as sharp tools, , grill / fire risks at functions, and use of our shed where additional safety issues are present.) Children who are authorized to enter garden areas and work with tools on-site must be registered on this form of consent. Additional plot workers can be added by sending an e-mail or written notice to the Garden Manager. Children under the age of 18 may be plot holders if they have demonstrated responsible gardening abilities and have parent’s signed consent.

Please recognize that this is a garden and not a playground – Children’s participation is encouraged and welcomed. Running through garden areas is not permitted. Removing fruit or destruction of plantings anywhere on-site, will not be tolerated.

- I will not use fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user or authorized by Garden Rep. or Garden Manager.
- I will not bring pets to the fenced-in area of the garden. Dogs must be on a leash – waste must be cleaned up.

- If I am the last one out of the Community Garden, I agree to lock the gate, close garden entry doors and shed before leaving.
- Artistic expression is encouraged – Please do not paint garden plots as these plots may change hands. Please do not use any materials that may contaminate soil. Contact Garden Manager before implementing artistic creations in common areas.

Garden Reps will be chosen throughout the garden. Their job will ensure the sustainability and maintenance of garden areas. I understand that fruit will be picked and donated if garden produce is left to rot. Any Garden Rep with approval from a second garden member may make this determination. Other actions may include: removing a diseased plant that may be harmful to surrounding gardens and rectifying safety hazards.

No Garden Refunds. – When you payment is received you are responsible for your plot and abiding by the maintenance agreement. Please understand that in order to keep plot fees low refunds cannot be made. When you are holding an unmaintained plot, you are preventing someone on the waiting list from participating. Weeds will seed throughout garden and affect other garden beds – this is why there is a rule in place.

I agree to all rules and regulations "as updated" on the PHCDC website ([pennhillscdc.com](http://pennhillscdc.com))

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Garden Rep or Garden Manager for clarification.

Please be advised that this is a volunteer effort.

Please sign and mail to: PHCDC PoBox 17730 – Penn Hills, PA 15235

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Plot: \_\_\_\_\_

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Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

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