

CITY OF AVENTURA

AVENTURA COMMUNITY GREEN GARDEN RULES AND APPLICATION FORM

Rules of Membership and Assignment of Garden Planters:

Members of the Community Green Garden shall submit an application for the Aventura Community Green Garden (ACGG) Membership where annual dues are \$10. Membership is for an individual or family and is non-transferable and non-refundable.

Membership is from April 1 of the current year to March 30 of the following year. New members may join at any time during the year, providing they are 14 years of age or older. Membership is limited to Aventura residents. Proof of residency is required when submitting Application.

Annual rental fee for one garden planter is \$100 for a 4' x 12' planter and is due at the time of application, and can accompany the application for membership to the ACGG. Fee is for one year. Members are limited to one planter per year per household.

Garden planters are the property of the City of Aventura and cannot be sold, traded, sub-let or exchanged by members.

Garden planters will be determined by a lottery system if demand exceeds the number of garden planters available. Priority shall be given to Aventura residents who have not previously rented a garden planter. A waiting list will be maintained for applicants for whom a planter was not available and is based upon date of submission.

Garden Planter rental applications will be available annually from February 15 through April 30. All fees are due at that time. Planters may be shared, but only one Member can be designated as the primary owner and must provide relevant information (names and contacts) on the application. All planter primary owners and co-owners shall be Aventura residents, subject to satisfactory proof of residency. Partial year applications will be considered on a case by case basis, pending availability.

Assignment of the garden planters will be done at the Aventura Community Green Garden in person on a date(s) determined by the Community Services Director, or designee prior to the current season. All planters will be numbered and recorded with the current gardener(s) assigned to that planter.

All gardeners are expected to volunteer a minimum of 12 hours per year toward Aventura Community Green Garden efforts such as overseeing the garden, pest inspection, applying mulch to the paths as needed, etc.

A Garden planter assignment and ACGG membership may be revoked at any time if the member is guilty of failing to follow the rules of the Community Green Garden or fails to properly maintain their garden planter, at the City's sole discretion. The member will be

given a fair warning as to their violation and allowed one week to remedy. The City will notify the member in writing of their violation and will inspect the planter to determine the remedy was applied. In the event of a revocation, membership dues and rental fees are non-refundable.

The Gardener shall notify the City immediately if, at any time (work, illness, etc.), permanently or temporarily, they are unable to properly maintain their planter.

The Community Green Garden hours follow the operating hours of Founders Park. Gardeners are expected to park only in designated parking spaces and follow the rules of the Park.

Maintenance and Use Agreement:

The Aventura Community Green Garden should be a safe and enjoyable place to garden, learn and socialize. In order to help ensure this, members of the Garden agree to the following rules, terms and conditions:

1. I am permitted to plant vegetables, flowers or a combination thereof, except for the following:
 - No illegal plants.
 - No invasive plants such as mints, ivy, liriopse, etc. in the garden.
 - No tall crops unless the crops do not shade neighboring planters.
 - No crops shall be planted in common areas outside your defined garden planter.
 - Any violations will result in revocation of planter rental without refund.
2. I will have my garden planted no later than April 1.
3. I understand I am expected to generally visit my planter at least once a week.
4. If my planter becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given a one week notice to clean it up. After notice has been given and one week has passed, if my planter is still unkempt, access to and use of my planter shall be terminated and re-assigned to another gardener in accordance with these rules.
5. I may ask another gardener who is a member of the Garden to water my planter or care for it if I cannot, but a non-member is not permitted to stop by and water my planter, harvest my vegetables or carry out any garden related activity.
6. I will harvest my vegetables promptly so as to not invite vandals, destructive insect pests or waste.
7. I will bring my own tools to the garden and will remember to take them home with me.
8. The Community Green Garden will be accessible during normal park hours by a combination lock. I am responsible for knowing the combination in order to access the Garden, which I shall not disclose to non-members.
9. If I bring children with me to the Aventura Community Green Garden, I will supervise them at all times.

10. Pets are not permitted in Founders Park including the Aventura Community Green Garden.
11. I understand that the application of synthetic herbicides and pesticides is prohibited at the Garden.
12. I agree to participate in at least one workday during the garden year.
13. I will not pick from another gardener's planter, even if I think they have neglected their planter, unless given permission.
14. I will either use the produce or flowers grown in my planter for personal consumption, donations, or an approved association fundraiser, and I understand that the sale of any grown plantings is strictly prohibited.
15. I will place unwanted plants or weeds in designated compost areas and will dispose of trash in proper receptacles, or by taking home.
16. I agree to keep the common areas of the Garden around my planter maintained and weed free.
17. I will conserve the use of water by only hand watering my planter or the common areas of the Community Green Garden for which I am responsible, and I agree that use of water is restricted to garden activities.
18. I will get permission from the City if I want to make any improvements to the infrastructure of my planter. I understand that the theft of any crops, tools, hoses, signage, containers, etc. will result in an immediate revocation of membership.
19. I will park my vehicle in the authorized parking areas only.
20. I understand that no alcohol or smoking is permitted in the Garden
21. I understand that any conflicts among gardeners or problems that may result will be referred to the City for resolution.
22. I understand that I am responsible for any health issues that result from insect bites or any unknown causes that are a possibility in a garden environment or working with soil.
23. The City will be responsible for the maintenance of the border fencing, signage, the materials and structure of the planters, and the paths.
24. I understand that the City has the obligation to enforce these rules and the authority to resolve conflicts, including dismissing gardeners, at the City's sole discretion.
25. I understand that vandalism is a possibility in any community garden, and will not hold the City responsible for any losses I may suffer.
26. As a member of the ACGG, I understand and agree to these rules.
27. I understand that the City of Aventura has the ultimate authority for determining the use of the Community Green Garden; accordingly, my use of the Community Green Garden is further subject to the laws, regulations and policies of the City of Aventura.
28. I agree to sign a Waiver as required by the City.
29. These rules may be amended from time to time by the City.

**AVENTURA COMMUNITY GREEN GARDEN
MEMBERSHIP AND PLANTER RENTAL APPLICATION**

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

The following ACGG members are authorized to tend my planter, and must be Aventura residents. Provide name, address and contact number for each person. A maximum of three alternates is permitted, other than immediate family living at the same address.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by all the rules and conditions of the Aventura Community Green Garden. I further certify I am an Aventura resident.

Signed _____ Date _____

FOR CITY USE ONLY:

MEMBERSHIP FEE COLLECTED: _____ (\$ AMOUNT)

PLANTER RENTAL FEE COLLECTED: _____ (\$ AMOUNT)

PLANTER # ASSIGNED: _____ (PLANTER #)

EFFECTIVE DATE: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

PROOF OF RESIDENCY PROVIDED
(ATTACH COPY) _____ (DOC. TYPE)

WAIVER SIGNED: _____ (STAFF INITIALS)

STAFF NAME (PRINT) AND ID # _____

DATE: _____