

# FARMS TO FAMILIES (F2F)

## 2021 Raised Bed Rules and Regulations

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Gardeners will plant and maintain their raised bed plot between May 1, 2022 and Frost, 2022. If by June 15, 2022 there has been no sign of activity, your plot will be forfeited to the next person or group on the waiting list.
- Before you start to tend your plot, you must have signed and returned this agreement.
- Produce must be for personal use or donation. Production for profit is not allowed.
- The plot is open to you seven (7) days per week from dawn to dusk.
- Guests are permitted, but are your responsibility, under your supervision, and must adhere to the rules and regulations.
- Children under 14 years of age are only allowed under adult supervision.
- Pets are not allowed except in the case of service animals.
- Smoking, chewing tobacco, alcohol, firearms, and open flames are not allowed.
- Returning Gardeners for 2023 must notify F2F by January 15, 2023.
- Gardeners are encouraged to volunteer on a committee.

### COVID-19 RULES FOR 2021:

- No more than three (3) gardeners per bed at a time.
- Keep at least six (6) feet between yourself and others.
- Gardeners must wear gloves at all times.
- Mask required if others present.
- Use only your personal tools.

### TENDING YOUR BED:

- Hands only gardening method may be used; such as pulling and hoeing of weeds, hand picking off insects. No pesticides such as insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc., may be used.
- All plants must fit within your 4 X 8 raised bed. Do not allow crops to crawl or sprawl out of your plot.
- The plot and area immediately surrounding it, including pathways between plots, must be kept free of weeds, invasive plants, rotting vegetation and all other debris.

- All trash must be removed from the garden by the gardener/tender.
- Harvest ONLY from your plot.
- Plot tenders are responsible for the maintenance and harvesting of their plot.
- Growing of cannabis or illegal substances is prohibited.
- Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are solely the responsibility of the gardener/plot tender.
- If you will be away for a long period of time, please inform Farms to Families and ensure that someone you trust will tend your plot in your absence.
- If a gardener must abandon their plot for any reason, they must notify F2F.
- At the end of the season, each gardener must clear their plot.
- Bring your own tools and watering cans.
- Notify Farms to Families if any illegal activity, such as theft or vandalism, occurs.
- No trees or permanent structures are permitted (concrete, bricks and mortar).
- Any gardening materials must be brought by the tender.
- Plot tenders may take home any produce they harvest.
- Trading between plot tenders is allowed.
- If a plot is not harvested while the food is ripe, the plot owner will be contacted for approval to relinquish rights to the produce. The produce will be distributed to local food banks unless the gardener has made other arrangements.

**FACILITY USE:**

- Violation Procedure:
  - When a violation occurs, Farms to Families will send the plot tender a warning either by email and/or regular mail. The warning will have the details of the violation and the deadline set for the plot tender to fix the problem.
  - If the problem is not fixed by the deadline included in the warning, the plot will be forfeited.
- If garden maintaining rules are ignored, you will be required to forfeit the plot. The following are conditions under which plot forfeiture will occur:
  - Bringing alcohol and illegal substances in to the plot.
  - Plot is not maintained for two (2) weeks.
  - Without Farms to Families approval, transferring or subletting the plot.
  - Violation warnings are ignored and/or violations are repeated.
  - Act in a threatening or abusive manner to other gardeners. **NO BULLYING!**
- Water spigot **MUST** be securely turned OFF after every use.

**FARMS TO FAMILIES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR ADD TO THESE RULES AS NEEDED.**

Compliance with the rules and regulations detailed here will ensure that the community garden raised beds grow and succeed. Violations of the rules are regulated; any such violations will be dealt with by Farms to Families.

I understand that neither Farms to Families, The Brunswick Health Ambassadors, Town of Lawrenceville, Brunswick County or any individual or group are responsible for my actions. **I RELINQUISH FARMS TO FAMILIES, THE BRUNSWICK HEALTH AMBASSADORS, TOWN OF LAWRENCEVILLE, BRUNSWICK COUNTY AND ANY AND ALL INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, OR CLUBS FROM ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN RAISED BEDS INCLUDING INGRESS AND EGRESS FOR PLOT ACCESSABILITY BY MYSELF OR ANY OF MY GUESTS AS I AM THE SOLE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PLOT USAGE.**

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Print Name of Responsible Garden Tender	Signature of Responsible Garden Tender	Date
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Organization if applicable		
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Address	City, State	
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Home Phone	Cell Phone	
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E-Mail		
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Farms to Families Representative	Approval Date	

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