

## MACON COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES AND RULES

- I will show progress of planting by May 15, or contact the Garden Coordinator with a valid reason.
- I will maintain my plot after May 15 and throughout the growing season. Failure to do so will result in a warning letter. If the situation is not corrected within two weeks of the postmark date, the plot will be reassigned with no refund of money.
- I will contact the Garden Coordinator if I am unable to tend my plot at any time.
- I will show progress of planting within 10 days of notification, if I have been on the waiting list and subsequently assigned a plot after May 15.
- I understand that all produce and flowers from my garden are for family use and donations only, and not to be sold.
- I will only grow legal, non-poisonous, and non-aggressive plants.
- **I will donate a percentage of my produce to CareNet.**
- I will not build any permanent structure in my space. If I have a trellis, I will keep it within the confines of my bed.
- I will comply fully with all federal and state laws and regulations regarding the use of pesticides and chemicals. I will only use pesticides from the approved list.
- **I will conserve water!! I will turn off all faucets after watering.**
- I will maintain a neat plot, keeping the surrounding area, as well, free from overgrown weeds, insect pests, and diseases. Paths between plots will be sprayed if not properly mulched or weeded.
- I will harvest all produce and flowers when mature, and remove all plants when they have ceased to bear. I will arrange to have someone pick my produce while on vacation, and notify the Garden Coordinator as to who that will be. Unpicked ripe produce will be picked by volunteers after one week.
- I will deposit all litter into trash barrels and vegetative matter into **designated** compost piles.
- I will be considerate of my neighbors by not planting sprawling or tall crops that might invade or shade other plots. I will control unruly plants.
- I will not help my neighbors tend their plots unless asked to do so.
- I will harvest only from my assigned plot unless given permission by others.
- I will not bring dogs or other pets into the garden.
- I will supervise any children I bring with me into the garden.
- I will wear protective clothing and shoes when operating equipment, and as necessary at other times.
- I will remove all plants, trellises, and mulches that will not decompose over the winter from my plot at the end of the gardening season.

Application approved by Garden Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Plot assignment 2010: \_\_\_\_\_