



School of Public Health Community Garden Committee Responsibilities

The rules of operation for a community garden are essential to ensure fair use, safety, and a harmonious environment for all participants. Overall, the community garden committee plays a vital role in creating a thriving and inclusive space for gardening enthusiasts to come together and enjoy the benefits of gardening collectively.

Purpose

The School of Public Health Community Garden is a way for the School of Public Health at the University of Memphis to get involved in the community and bring awareness to public health.

- Foster social and community connections
- Provide Memphis with accessibility to fresh produce
- Address the disparity of food deserts in Memphis
- Engage citizens in hopes to empower participants
- Keeping with upkeep of the garden to ensure produce is fresh
- Seek feedback from members and use it for improvement.

Responsibilities of Committee

Garden Planning and Organization:

- Develop and update the garden's overall plan, including layout, plot allocation, and communal spaces.
- Coordinate garden schedule, including planting, harvesting, and maintenance activities.

Membership and Plot Allocation:

- Handle organizations that want to use the garden
- Maintain an up-to-date record of garden participants volunteer hours and their contact information through volunteer odyssey.

Community Engagement:

- Organize meetings to keep members informed about garden updates, events, and decisions.
- Reach out to local food banks to promote the garden's goals and values.
- Encourage active participation and collaboration among university students and organizations.

Garden Maintenance and Resource Management:

- Ensure that the garden is well-maintained and visually appealing to participants and visitors.
- Develop a maintenance schedule and assign tasks to garden members on a rotating or voluntary basis.
- Oversee the management of communal tools and resources to ensure they are in good working condition.

Compliance and Safety:

- Ensure the garden operates in compliance with Shelby Farms Park regulations and any agreements with relevant authorities.
- Promote a safe environment by addressing potential hazards and implementing safety measures.

Safety Measures Defined

- Do not plant in any areas other than your assigned plots.
- Do not remove red flag markings.
- Do not throw items into the road.
- to use of non-organic chemicals or fertilizers.
- Pets and Children are not allowed unless approved prior.
- Only biodegradable products can be used.
- Do not tamper with property not managed by the School of Public Health.
- Any personal property left is the participant's gardener responsibility.
- School of public health is not responsible for the occurrence of injury or death while at garden.
- No smoking or drinking.
- All staff members, garden managers, gardeners who witness any safety violation must contact Student Ambassadors immediately.

Communication

- Committee members will manage Group Me will help from Student Ambassadors.
- If a conflict arises, members are encouraged to contact the Student Ambassadors. Any harmful or hateful language used will result in members or volunteers being banned. No warning will be given prior to the incident.

Evaluation and Improvement:

- The committee will help in assessing the garden's performance and effectiveness based on garden purpose and goals.
- Evaluation meetings will be held once every month with weekly check ins via email or Group Me.

Long-Term Planning:

- Develop long-term strategies for the garden's growth, sustainability, and development.
- Explore opportunities for expanding the garden or securing additional resources.

Promotion of Garden

- Develop a social media account to promote the garden.
- Create flyers, post online, etc.