



Orange Township Community Garden

Thank you for expressing an interest in participating in Orange Township's first community garden endeavor! We are grateful for the generous partnership with Evans Farm, who will host our first garden!

The rules and guidelines noted below are not all-inclusive and may be modified as we learn and grow. They are intended to ensure a safe, pleasant, fair, and respectful experience for gardeners, neighbors, the neighborhood, animals, and the public. It is also important we respect the soil, groundwater, and environment by gardening responsibly with these things in mind. For these reasons, Orange Township Community Garden will be limited to Organic gardening methods.

General Information:

- The point of contact for the Orange Township Community Garden is Ben Grumbles. Garden inquiries can be emailed to gardens@orangetwp.org
- The plots are located at the intersection of Piatt Road and Red Oak Street in the Evans Farm community. A general overview is pictured below.
- The plots will be approximately 10 feet x 20 feet. Each plot will be enclosed on one side, with a shared path in the middle.
- Initial Organic Composting Material will be provided. If additional material is required, you must ensure it is organic. We will utilize Price Farms Organics in Delaware County and recommend them as a source of supply. More information will be provided
- The annual fee for a garden plot is \$20. Upon approval of your application, you will receive payment instructions.
- Garden plots will be available starting April 15 and must be cleared by November 15. **** Planting must commence by June 15 ****
- **Garden plots are open to Orange Township residents only. They are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The township will attempt to verify your residency, and if unable you will be asked to do so**

Rules and Guidelines:

- Gardeners will have access to their plots from 730am until 9pm
- Pets are NOT permitted in the garden at any time
- **Garden plots are to be maintained through organic means only. If in doubt, go without.**
- Gardeners are responsible for their plot weeding, watering, and general upkeep



- Plots must be respectfully maintained. Any reasonable complaints must be rectified within seven (7) days
- Multiple attempts to contact gardeners with unkept plots will be made. After 14 days, plots will risk forfeiture. Please contact Ben Grumbles or Orange Township if you know you will be unable to maintain your plot
- Gardeners are to provide own tools. Efforts are being made to develop onsite watering sources. Updates will be provided once finalized.
- Fencing is not planned at this time. We will partner with Evans Farm on fencing options, should they become necessary, and communicate them prior to April 15th. If warranted, approved options will be the responsibility of the individual gardener to supply and maintain
- Trellis must be 6' or less and should not impede neighboring plots
- Children under the age of 16 must always be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
- Items such as trash, weeds and spoiled items should be placed in proper locations. We will establish a composting area for green waste

Recommendations and Best Practices:

- Be respectful of other plots by tending to expansive plants (i.e., cucumbers/vines), planting taller plants toward the center of their plots, and not impeding other plots
- Gardeners should try to visit their garden two to three times a week during the growing season (weather permitting) to harvest produce and maintain plots.
- Orange Township will host a few plots dedicated to providing People In Need, Inc. of Delaware County with fresh produce. Should gardeners decide to donate excess produce, we will develop a process to help facilitate this. Details will be provided following approval and orientation.

***** Rules and Guidelines are subject to change *****