



## MEMPHIS CITY GARDENS AT CENTRAL STATION

### Guidelines

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Memphis City Gardens, an urban garden in Downtown Memphis, TN, is located on a site leased from Memphis Area Transit Authority and the Memphis Farmers Market.

#### I. PLOTS

Each plot measures 8' x 4'. The location of each plot is specified in the plot membership contract and on the site map. Features abutting each plot may include neighboring plots, pedestrian paths, roadways, water hardware, and common areas.

##### A. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership and renewal fees are to be paid by the beginning of each season.

The season is from April 1 to November 30.

Fees not paid within ten days of the due date may result in the forfeiture of the plot(s).

A statement will be sent to the gardener at least 14 days before the renewal fee is due.

The Board may limit the number of plots a gardener may be assigned.

##### B. NEW GARDENERS / MEMBERS

A gardener may have only one plot during the first year they are at the garden. They may share a plot with one other person.

##### C. RULES

1. No trees, large cacti or illegal plants may be planted.
2. Smoking and chewing tobacco are prohibited. Tobacco carries the mosaic virus, which is deadly to some plants.
3. No permanent structures should be placed on the plot. Temporary structures should not shade a neighbor's plot without the approval of that neighbor.
4. Pets must be restrained on leashes at all times. Pet owners must clean up after their pets.

5. Each gardener is responsible for disposal of trash. Do not place any trash in common areas, roadways, or in your plots. Only organic, compostable material is to be placed in the composting area.

#### E. MAINTENANCE AND FORFEITURE

##### 1. Plot maintenance is defined as:

- a. Vegetables and/or fruits harvested regularly. If produce is not harvested regularly, it can become rotted and attract unwanted pests to all garden beds.
- b. Plots not overrun with weeds, especially bindweed, Johnson grass, and Bermuda grass. The seeds from the weeds can easily blow only neighboring beds if left unattended.
- c. Plants that have reached the end of their productive life removed.
- d. Gardens are not to be left neglected/unattended, under watered and or overrun with weeds for more than two weeks without prior notice and/or arrangements with the manager.

##### 2. Common areas maintained.

3. The Garden manager will monitor the plots regularly for compliance. An email, phone call, or personal contact shall be made to the gardener acknowledging the evidence of noncompliance and seeking a plan for compliance.

4. When a garden is out of compliance, the Manager will notify the plot holder. A gardener shall have 14 days to bring the plot into compliance. Noncompliance at the end of the 14-day period will result in forfeiture of deposit. Repeated documented episodes of non-compliance as defined by twice in one season or three times in one year will be grounds for forfeiture of garden bed.

#### II. PARKING

Parking is in the Central Station parking lot, in the field south of the Garden or on Front Street. Do not park in the driveway adjacent to the Garden, as it is a through way for city buses.