

Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden

Welcome to the **Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden** program and the 2009 growing season! This registration packet was designed to provide garden information, garden rules and guidelines, registration form, and waiver of liability form.

Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden program offers an opportunity for residents to grow vegetables and flowers in a community setting. The community garden is one plot (12 ft x 24 ft), divided into 6 labeled sections. Registration for the garden is handled through the Landscape Committee and forwarded to the Board. Gardeners must register and sign a release/waiver form prior to beginning gardening.

The **Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden** was developed to provide a place for local residents to grow food and ornamental crops and to enjoy the relaxation and educational benefits of community gardening. Each gardener is part of a community of gardeners and needs to work with others in relative harmony in order to make a positive gardening experience for everyone. The gardeners are responsible for helping the garden area as a whole, not just their crops. The gardening program is likely to evolve over time, and it is possible that the rules may evolve as well. As a participating gardener, you may help guide the future of community gardening here at Creekside Condominiums.

This registration packet includes:

- General information about the Community Garden.
- Garden Rules and Gardener Responsibilities.
- Garden Registration Form.
- Waiver and Release for Participants Form.

2009 Growing Season Important Dates

February 2009 Registration begins for gardeners.

May 2009 Planting may begin.

May 2009 Garden must be in the "getting started" phase (see Spring Preparation and Planting).

June 2009 Garden must be in the "planting" phase (see Summer Planting and Growing).

October 2009 Fall clean-up month.

February 2010 Registration begins for gardeners.

Garden Rules and Gardener Responsibilities

Definition of a Working Garden

The garden plot must be maintained, planted or mulched, and stay within its boundaries. The garden may not be consistently weedy, untended or filled with debris. Gardeners are expected to spend at least 2 hours per week, on average, during the growing season, tending the garden.

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What is Appropriate to Grow

Vegetables, herbs, flowers and small fruit plants for home consumption and donation are appropriate. Any large structures, trees, or large collection of non-plant items are not allowed. Crops must be legal and for personal use or donation.

Gardening Season

Gardeners are responsible for keeping the garden cultivated, cover cropped or mulched. For most gardeners, the growing season will be from May until September. Some gardeners, however, may have crops growing late in the fall.

No matter what crops you decided to plant, you are responsible for basic plot maintenance. Weedy plots are subject to warning and could result in loss of your garden plot. Perennial crops and some annual winter hardy crops may be over-wintered, but must be maintained.

Spring Preparation and Planting

The minimum requirements of “getting started” include:

- Weeding and planning; edging weeds along borders;
- Working the soil in preparation for planting.

Summer Planting and Growing

By June 2, gardens should be in the “planting” stage. There should be substantial progress towards a productive garden which includes:

- At least half of the plot worked and planted;
- Removal of remaining weeds;
- Establishing and caring for plants.

By June 15, there should be gardening activity, and weeding in the whole plot. If these deadlines are not met, the Board may request that the garden be dismantled at no expense to the Association. Notify the Landscaping Committee if you are no longer able to tend your crops; will be absent a long time; or have asked a friend to tend your garden.

Fall Harvest and Clean-up

Annual crops should be harvested and the plants cleaned up and composted.

Gardening Hours

Gardening hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. or dusk, whichever comes earlier. The use of power equipment is restricted to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Water Availability

Water is obviously a challenge and it is necessary to have a group effort to keep the garden watered. A water schedule will be created and agreed upon by active participants.

Natural Gardening

Gardeners are strongly encouraged to use natural gardening techniques. Each participant must be included in group discussion regarding use of herbicides, weed killers, and non-organic pesticides prior to any being used. Use of chemicals or propellants banned by the federal, state, or local government, shall be grounds for forfeiture of the privilege to use the **Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden**.

Garbage and Garden Debris and Gardening Tools/Materials

Please keep trash and litter cleared from the garden and take it home for disposal. In an effort to keep the appearance of the garden pleasing, for safety, and to prevent theft; all garden tools must be stored by owners and not left out in the garden area.

Pets in Gardens

Pets are not permitted in the Community Garden.

Plot Registration Required Annually

Participation in the **Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden** requires a yearly registration which can be obtained through the Landscaping Committee. Signing a waiver of liability is also required.

Theft

Any gardener reported for taking vegetables, flowers or supplies from another's gardener may have his garden privileges revoked.

Questions and Contact Information?

Please feel free to contact a member of the Landscaping Committee:

Ben Zeller at zellerbe@gmail.com,
Scott Clark or Tina Leonard at (828)884-6574, scottclark@citcom.net,
pixietina@citcom.net,

with any questions or suggestions regarding the garden program.

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Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden 2009 Registration Form

Please circle one of the following:

I am a Returning Gardener.

I am a New Gardener.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____@_____

Garden Rules:

I have read and understand the **2009 Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden** Rules and Gardener Responsibilities and agree to follow them, knowing that non-compliance could result in immediate loss of garden privileges.

Signature: _____

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Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden Waiver and Release for Participants

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Important Notice: Participation in this Program is at each participant's own risk. Any and all claims for injury or damage must be waived and released as a condition to participation. Even if a waiver and release is not signed, by participating the participant agrees to assume all risk and to hold Creekside Condominium Association of Brevard, Inc. completely harmless therefrom. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at all times.

I agree to waive, release, absolve, hold harmless, and indemnify Creekside Condominium Association of Brevard, Inc. and its officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against all damages, claims, demands, suits, or actions resulting from my occupancy or use of the Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden property. Damages may include, but are not limited to, damage or loss of property or physical injury or death to me or to any other person. I assume all risks and hazards for myself and for any minor children with me incidental to the conduct of this activity, including but not limited to the risk of physical injury. I understand there is no insurance coverage provided by the Creekside Condominium Association of Brevard, Inc. for this activity. Any insurance is my personal responsibility. I agree to act in a safe, prudent and responsible manner at all times while using the Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden. I agree to be respectful of other people using the Creekside Condominiums' Community Garden and of their property.

Signature _____ Date _____