



FAQs

Is there a fee?

\$25/year plot fee.

What if I can't afford that?

We may have some scholarships available.

When can I plant?

You can plant spring, summer, & fall. We'll help identify season-specific crops.

Is there water for our use?

Yes, we have a water tap and a hose.
No sprinklers, though.

What if I don't know how to garden?

We'll show you the ropes and share information.

Is the site open 24/7?

No, the site is open daylight hours only.

Can community groups get involved?

Sure! Contact us about your ideas.
wcg.coordinator@gmail.com

What can I plant? Any restrictions?

Nothing illegal or poisonous!

Is the site accessible?

Yes, we have a flat site and 4' wide pathways covered with mulch.

How do I get there? It's 2163 Harrison. Metro bus 21 has a stop right on the corner. There is parking along Talbott Ave.

Do you have tools available?

We bring extra tools for work days. We keep a basic selection of tools in our tool shed on site.

Are my children allowed to help?

Sure, as long as you're supervising them and following rules.

How do I start?

Look at the info online or stop by and ask questions.

Can I make a donation? You may donate through the Civic Garden Center and designate WCG as the intended recipient.

WCG PLOT APPLICATION

If you prefer to pay electronically please fill out our online application and follow the prompts to pay via paypal. To pay by check return this page with a check for \$25 per plot, made payable to **Westwood Civic Association**.

Please mail it to:

Westwood Civic Association | PO Box 11466 | Cincinnati, OH 45211

I have read the Westwood Community Gardens' rules and agree to abide by all of them. I understand that breaking of any rules will result in expulsion from the Westwood Community Gardens and a forfeiture of plot fees. I also understand that neither the WCA Westwood Community Gardens nor Westwood Civic Association nor the owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I agree to hold harmless the Westwood Community Gardens and owners of the land for any personal injury, or loss or damage to personal property that occurs in connection with my use of the Westwood Community Gardens by myself or any of my guests.

Please write clearly. Applying for Year _____

Gardener's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Signature _____

Email _____

NOTE: Westwood Community Gardens' Coordinator communicates WCG news and notices via email primarily.

Check appropriate option(s) and add plot numbers where indicated:

New plot Plot Renewal # _____

New Farm Row Farm Row Renewal # _____

Referred by? _____

How did you hear about WCG? _____

Which of the following are you most interested in:

Events where I can meet other gardeners Space to garden

Opportunities to learn more about gardening

Which best describes your level of gardening experience:

Novice Intermediate Advanced

For use by WCG Coordinator only:

Fee Paid _____ Circle one: Check or Cash Ch. # _____

Date Rec'd by WCA _____

Plot Assigned _____

If all garden plots are assigned when your application is received, you will be contacted about the waiting list.

ABOUT WCG

Established in 2011, the Westwood Community Gardens is a place that is inclusive and allows all people, regardless of age or ability, to share in the joy of gardening. WCG gives back to the community by providing education to Westwood residents about gardening. Most importantly, the WCG will be a beautiful space that all neighbors can feel proud of and enjoy.

Volunteers from the Gardens' core team plan the Gardens' development and work projects. All gardeners commit to twelve hours of work at the Gardens per year, helping with improvements, weeding, promotion, and other activities.

Developed and supported by Westwood Civic Association, the Gardens are an initiative to enhance the quality of life in Westwood, in addition to the aims of providing green space and fresh produce in the neighborhood.

Funded initially with the support of a Safe and Clean grant from Keep Cincinnati Beautiful and with the resources of the Civic Garden Center, the Gardens also receive affordable plot rental fees from its gardeners and welcome donations.

WESTWOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS RULES

1 The WCG will be open as early as the soil can be worked in the spring. The Site Manager or Garden Coordinator will notify all WCG gardeners of the date.

2 Gardeners and guests may be present in WCG during daylight hours only.

3 Westwood Community Gardeners in good standing from the previous year will have the opportunity to renew their plots by January 31. All remaining plots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

4 No plot can be gardened until the plot application is signed and submitted and the plot fee is paid. A new signed application is required each year. There is a \$25 annual fee per plot for the season that is non-refundable.

5 If a plot has not been planted by Memorial Day, the gardener will be given a two week notice to either plant or vacate the plot. After the two week notice has expired, the plot will be reassigned. The plot fee will not be refunded.

6 Each WCG gardener is required to sign up for 2 workdays at the beginning of the season (up to 6 volunteer hours). Twelve volunteer hours per season are required to help with general maintenance of WCG. Gardeners must self-report their hours online or by emailing wcg.coordinator@gmail.com.

7 Put all trash in trash container or remove it from the site. Put all weeds in the compost area. Keep all paths adjacent to your plot weeded.

8 Large plants, bushes, or trees that would significantly shade or impede on other plots may not be planted in raised beds.

9 Please use water only as you need it. Gardeners may use the provided watering cans or hoses which must be secured in the tool shed after use. No sprinklers.

10 The Garden Coordinator will give all gardeners the lock combination for the water tap and the shed. The combination is to be kept confidential and the tap and shed must be locked after every use. Violations will result in lock changes and revocation of self-serve water access.

11 Only organic insecticides and fertilizers may be used in the Gardens. Speak with the Site Manager if you have questions

about any product you are considering for use in your bed. We have a pest treatment station for use by gardeners.

12 You are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of your raised bed. Garden plots must be maintained weekly by watering, weeding, and promptly harvesting edible plants. Harmful insects and disease must be dealt with promptly upon notice. Failure to attend adequately to pests and disease shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Garden Coordinator.

If a plot is neglected or otherwise not maintained, the gardener will receive a warning. After two warnings, the plot will be tilled in and reassigned. If you cannot maintain your plot for any reason, you must notify the Garden Coordinator to make arrangements for the plot's care.

13 Guests of gardeners are welcome but must follow the same rules as the gardeners. Any adult routinely gardening with you must also sign off on the rules of the Gardens and be introduced to either the Site Manager or Garden Coordinator.

14 Gardeners may not take vegetables or plants from another person's plot without their permission.

15 Gardeners must remove all stakes, fencing, string, and personal items not later than November 30. Beds must be cleared of plant material, except for a cover crop or winter crops if renewing for the following year.

16 No dogs or other pets are permitted in the Westwood Community Gardens. Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs are strictly prohibited in the garden. No bikes, skateboards, etc. are allowed in the garden. No growing of illegal or poisonous plants is allowed in the garden.

17 Children are welcome in WCG, but must be with an adult at all times. You are responsible for your children. Make sure they respect other people's plots.

18 There is a limit of two raised beds or farm row sections or a combination of the two per household, based on availability.

19 Breaking of any rules will result in expulsion from the Westwood Community Gardens and a forfeiture of plot fees. Fees will not be refunded for any reason.

In applying for a plot, all gardeners acknowledge that they have read the rules and agree to abide by them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

 facebook.com/westwoodcommunitygardens  westwoodcivic.org/initiatives/westwood-community-gardens

Visit the site at 2163 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio when gardeners are at work. (NW corner of Harrison and Talbott Aves)

Contact the Civic Garden Center www.civiggardencenter.org