

THE SCHOMBERG COMMUNITY FARM IS VOLUNTEER RUN.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE GENERAL RULES FOR ALLOTMENT RENTERS

As a garden plot renter you are expected to volunteer for a minimum of 3 hours per season. You can complete this requirement by attending scheduled clean up days, or by assuming responsibility for a necessary task such as filling the water totes, maintaining the compost piles, weeding the paths, managing the berry patches or communal flower gardens, mulching, etc. Please speak to the farm manager if there is a specific project you would like to assume or initiate.

Decisions regarding the operation of the farm are made by volunteer board member. Consider becoming one.

Garden plots are 10 x 20 (200 SF). The fee is \$40/season. The deadline to renew a plot is **NOVEMBER 1**. Gardeners who have not signed a contract and made payment, or who have not contacted the plot coordinator to indicate their intentions, may have their plot reassigned.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY:

e-transfer directly to our treasurer

wesley.killman@gmail.com
memo "2022 Plot # Payment"

cash: - delivered in person to any member of the Executive;

cheque: - made out to "Schomberg Community Farm" and delivered in person to any member of the Executive

in person: - renewal day is usually the third Saturday in October. The exact date will be posted.

AVAILABLE PLOTS WILL BE REASSIGNED AFTER THAT DATE.

GENERAL RULES

1. Plots are assigned after an initial in-person meeting, and not necessarily on a first come, first served basis. Gardeners should share the community oriented values and vision that originally lead to the creation of the farm.

2. Trading or sharing of plots is allowed, provided the coordinator is informed first and only after forms for additional participants have been received.

3. Confine climbing and crawling plants (squash, zucchini, etc.) to your plot. The executive reserves the right to remove and/or trim plants extending beyond the boundary.

4. It is the plot renters responsibility to keep the adjoining paths weed free and mulched.

5. Use organic gardening methods only. Do not apply synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or fertilizers.

6. Use plot for food production and/or for growing aesthetically pleasing plants. Tree species are not to be planted in the garden plots or anywhere on the property without consent of the Executive.

7. Keep your plot free of weeds, dead plants, pests, and diseases. Put pulled weeds (free of seeds) in assigned areas or take them home for disposal in the yard waste system.

8. Plots cannot be left fallow or unused for a growing season and if nothing has been done to improve the garden by **JUNE 1** a notice will be sent out advising that the plot renter has two weeks to make improvements. If on **JUNE 15** no action has been taken, the plot will be deemed abandoned, and it will be forfeited along with the contract fees paid.

9. If a plot renter is unable to tend to their garden for an extended period, they are expected to make arrangements for its proper maintenance or to contact the farm manager. Failing to do so may result in the loss of use of the garden plot. Members of the Executive reserve the right to weed or otherwise maintain a plot should it not be done so for any reason.

10. Do not take food, plants, and items from other gardeners' plots without their prior permission, or from the communal plots or orchards without permission from a member of the Executive. Do not engage in pruning of the orchards unless permission has been given by a member of the Executive.

11. Do not bring pets into the garden plot areas or allow unleashed pets anywhere on the farm property. The farm property is defined by all areas over the bridge regardless of their current state of repair or development.

12. Raise concerns about another gardeners' plots directly with them or a member of the Executive. Do not interfere with another member's garden without their explicit consent, including weeding, watering, harvesting, etc.

13. Use water from the totes in a responsible and considerate manner. The totes are filled by volunteers so please avoid excessive use of it. Try to employ water conscious methods such as mulching or companion planting.

14. Fences should be waist high only.

NOT RENEWING YOUR GARDEN:

Please inform the coordinator. Clear away dead plants and perennials. Remove all structures unless alternate arrangements are made.

The following are Township requests.

■ Power equipment is not allowed on site without prior knowledge and permission of the Executive. This includes whipper-snippers, rototillers or lawnmowers.

■ Park in the lot, not on the grass, or in the driveway. You can unload by the bridge, but must park in the lot.

EMAIL NEW ALLOTMENT REQUESTS TO:

scfplotrentals@gmail.com