

FINDLAY LONG TERM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (FLIP)

Community Garden Program

The FLIP Community Garden Program is coordinated by the FLIP Green Team. Gardeners are requested to use approved organic gardening, watering and soil conservation methods. The garden is intended for household use for planting annuals – vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Commercial sale from the garden is prohibited. Donation of produce to the local food pantry is encouraged.

Raised garden beds are available on a first come, first serve bases and will be assigned by a FLIP Garden Coordinator. The fee for using one of the assigned garden spaces is **\$10.00**. This fee can be reduced and/or waived at the discretion of a Garden Coordinator.

Garden Rules & Regulations

- Garden beds are expected to be planted by **June 10th** and kept planted all summer long.
- Fall clean-up of garden beds is to be completed by **November 10th**.
- If garden space can not be maintained and must be abandoned for any reason gardeners are expected to notify a Garden Coordinator.
- If a garden space is not maintained the gardener will be given a notice and deadline in which to clean it up. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the space.
- Trash and litter is to be cleared from the space as well as from adjacent pathways and common areas.
- All gardeners will be expected to participate in the care and maintenance of the garden area.
- No tall crops will be planted where they will shade neighboring garden beds.
- Gardeners can pick only their own crops unless given permission by another gardener.
- Dogs are permitted provided they are controlled by their owner and owners must clean up after their pet.
- Children are welcome with appropriate adult supervision.
- Garden owned tools must be cleaned and returned to their proper place in the storage shed.
- Gardeners may store their own tools in the garden shed but should have them marked. FLIP will not be responsible for missing or broken tools.
- Garden debris is to be placed in the designated area.
- Organic garden methods are to be used and therefore no fertilizer, pesticides or other herbicides can be used unless approved by a Garden Coordinator. In order to follow eco-friendly gardening standards the following are examples (this is not a comprehensive list) of acceptable and unacceptable products:
 - **Acceptable:** Insecticidal soaps (organic based) applied by hand-held spray only, summer oil, seaweed/fish preparations, garlic, hot pepper, diatomaceous earth, sulfur, copper, wood ash, rock powders (lime, phosphate, greensand, granite, granite dust). Fertilizers that indicate Natural Organic (Jobe and Miracle Grow have some available as do other brands that are available at local garden centers).
 - **Unacceptable:** Miracle Gro (unless organic product), Miracid, Peters, 5-10-5, 5-10-10 and variations, Retenone, Sevin, Diazonin, Malathion, Methoxychlor, Pyrethrin, metaldehyde, Sabadilla, and products with Restricted Entry Interval (REI).

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