

2025 North Ridgeville Community Garden Guidelines

The most important rule of the North Ridgeville Community Garden is to recognize that it is a community and respect for all involved is important. The garden is open to all residents living in North Ridgeville. Please notify a garden representative of any problems needing their attention and the necessary action will be taken.

1. **Volunteers** are needed at the beginning and the end of the growing season to help with: Spring cleanup, garden plot layout, wood chip/mulch distribution, Fall cleanup and the Fall picnic setup. Anything you add to your plot must be removed in the Fall so the field is ready to be plowed again in the Spring. *Examples: tomato cages, stakes, weed block, etc. Note: If you put down weed block, it has to be taken up so the farmer can plow the field in the Spring. It also has to be removed from the garden property because there is no city garbage pickup at the garden.*
2. **Parking** is available at both the east and west ends of the garden. Please do not park along Chestnut Ridge Road per the request of the North Ridgeville Police Department.
3. Keep **weeds** under control in your plot and help maintain any walking areas immediately surrounding your plot and pathways. There is a trash can at the west end of the garden for any kind of small trash items and the green trash can at the east end is for recycled items only. **ORGANIC MATERIAL ONLY** can be added to the compost pile at the east end. Do not walk, drive or throw waste items on the adjacent farmer's soybean field.
4. **Hoses** with connected sprayers are available at multiple locations throughout the garden. If you're the first to arrive in the morning, please turn the main spigot on (*located at the east end of the garden*) to feed all the hoses. **If you're the last to leave for the evening, please turn off the main spigot.**
5. There are **tools** along the north side of the garden for anyone to use in their plot. Please return them when you are finished for the day. Please do not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellants that will in any way affect other plots. (*No Seven but Neem can be used*) Do not plant corn in your plot or taller growing plants in a manner that casts shade on a neighboring plot.
6. **Fences**, hanging plastic bags and caution tape are prohibited. Pets are not permitted in the garden area.
7. The **walkways** between plots will be mowed regularly by garden representatives. Please do not plant anything in these walkways.
8. Please only pick items from your plot unless another gardener gives you permission to pick from their plot. You must be with any guest you invite to the garden. Any **surplus crops** can be donated to the North Ridgeville Community Care. A labeled bin is available near the west end parking area.
9. If you must **abandon** your plot for any reason, please notify a garden representative ASAP. If any garden plot is idle for two weeks, it will be assumed it has been abandoned and the plot will be cleared.
10. All **alcoholic beverages** are prohibited on city property.

Garden Representatives: **Bob Marquis, Manager 440 864-2939**
 John Brown, Asst Manager 440 759-9613
 Terri Marquis, Secretary 440 371-1775

Gary Print, Treasurer
Major Stone, Garden Advisor

The City of North Ridgeville, the Pioneer Ridge Homeowners' Association, the private owners of the garden property and the garden's volunteer representatives are not responsible for your actions at the garden. By participating in the community garden, you hold harmless the City of North Ridgeville, the Pioneer Ridge Homeowners' Association, the private owners of the garden property and the garden's volunteer representatives for any loss, liability, damage or other claims that occur in connection with your use (or your guest's use) of the garden.