

REGISTER TODAY!



Cottage City Community Garden



The Cottage City Garden is an important way for the community to grow organic food. The garden provides critical community networking, neighbor-to-neighbor interactions and team spirit that helps to build strong and vibrant communities.

cottagecitygarden.com

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About the Garden

The Cottage City Community Garden opened in March 2010 as the first community garden in the Port Towns of Prince George's County and a project of the town of Cottage City. The garden is supported through partnerships with the Anacostia Watershed Society, Community Forklift, ECO City Farms, Port Towns Community Health Partnership, the Port Towns Youth Council and Cottage City Residents.

We see the importance of a 'community asset' like the garden in providing local organic food to our community and providing critical community networking and the type of neighbor-to-neighbor interaction and team spirit that helps to build strong communities.

As in any garden, there are many challenges – but in the midst of these challenges amazing signs of resiliency and neighborhood sustainability are taking root! The Cottage City Community Garden is an important part of making our community stronger and more resilient!

The Cottage City Community Garden operates from March until February each year.

The garden operates every **March** through **February**, with meetings held on the 4th Saturday of the month along with other weekly social gatherings and regular cleanups.



The garden is located

4222

Cottage Terrace

Everyday,
Sunrise –
Sunset

Visit the Garden online at
cottagecitygarden.com

Community Garden rules



Our main goal for the garden is to work together or next to each other in relative harmony while also sharing more in each other's culture and life experience. We hope that you will treat one another with respect, be courteous in all interactions, and work together to resolve any disagreements. If you have any questions, suggestions, or complaints, please contact one of the Garden representatives at cottagecitygarden@gmail.com.

GARDEN ELIGIBILITY & RULES

The Cottage City Community Garden is open to all; however priority will be given to Cottage City residents. Raised Garden Beds will be allocated on a first come first served (based on the date the application is received) beginning on the second Saturday of March each year. Limit one Garden Bed per household. In order to rent a bed, gardeners agree to:

_____: Sign and return rental contracts with \$10 mandatory non-refundable annual fee. The Cottage City Community Garden strives to make our garden accessible to residents of all backgrounds and income levels. Please consider making an additional \$10 donation to support ongoing garden maintenance.

_____: Only grow food in garden plots for personal consumption. Food may not be grown for commercial purposes. Illegal crops may not be grown. Gardeners should maintain their beds and plants using organic materials and sustainable techniques. Use of chemical pesticides or fertilizers are NOT allowed. Perennial flowers are NOT allowed in private beds, but can be accommodated in pollinator gardens.

_____: Keep the Garden Committee advised of your current address, email address, and telephone number; notify the Garden Committee of any change to your contact information.

_____: If a garden bed is unattended for up to four (4) weeks during a growing season and the participant fails to notify a Garden Committee representative prior to their absence, the Garden Committee will consider the garden bed abandoned and it will be reassigned.

_____: Keep their garden plot and adjacent paths free of weeds, diseased plants, insect-infested plants and over-ripe vegetables. **Please prevent vegetation in your bed from becoming overgrown so that pathways can remain clear for passage. If you are unable to do so, please notify a Community Garden Committee Representative so we can work together to assist you.**

_____: All Community Garden participants are expected to join in the general clean-up, replanting and beautification of the Community Garden throughout the growing season; physical limitations will be respected.

_____: Gardeners are encouraged to participate fully in the Cottage City Community Garden operations by attending meetings, volunteering for committees, and participating in community workdays. **Gardeners are required to attend one (1) group cleanup per month during the growing season, eight (8) in total, and to attend at least two (2) general membership meetings to help support the ongoing vitality of the Community Garden.**

Garden Application

Garden Payment (cash only)

\$10 Application Fee
 \$5 Volunteer Fee
 _____ Donation

Name: _____ Application Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

GARDEN PARTICIPATION

Please select at least one committee that you would be interested in volunteering with during the season. Each gardener is expected to help during the season with general chores and committee projects.

Beekeeping Events, Programming & Communications Fundraising Garden Maintenance

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name of Relative: _____

Relationship _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

PHOTO & VIDEO CONSENT

Photos and videos will be used to document Community Garden participation on our website, social media, and in print materials. If you consent to our requests, please sign in the appropriate space below. If you do not consent, please indicate that also.

I DO DON'T (Please check) consent to the taking and use of pictures as set forth above.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GARDEN RULES & AGREEMENTS

I have read the Community Garden Rules, the Town of Cottage City's waiver of liability, and the Town of Cottage City's Community Garden Ordinance. I agree to comply with the rules established by the Cottage City Community Garden. I understand that failure meet the guidelines will result in loss of gardening privileges.

Signature: _____ Date: _____