



Morrisville Education Garden

Rules



The following shall be the rules and regulations for the use and operation of the Morrisville Education Garden (“**the Garden**”), located at 280 Town Hall Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560, which is managed by Western Wake Farmers Market, Inc. (“**WWFM**”). These rules shall be in effect for all volunteers and visitors, together with such other rules as established from time to time by the Garden Coordinator.

1. Authorized Use:

- Only volunteers designated by the WWFM Board of Directors, the Garden Coordinator, or their representative are to be allowed access to the Education Garden when the Western Wake Farmers Market is not in session. These may include WWFM employees and volunteers, and Wake County Extension Master Gardeners.
- Volunteers are not authorized to speak for or make requests on behalf of the Education Garden without the approval of the WWFM Board of Directors.
- *At all times*, visitors, guests, and invited workers will be permitted entry into the Garden *only* after signing a Hold Harmless waiver. Copies of these are to remain with the Garden Coordinator and be shared with the WWFM Board.

2. Hours of Operation:

- The Garden is open to approved volunteers *only* during daylight hours for the purpose of conducting garden operations.
- The Garden is open to visitors only during Farmers Market hours or for a special event(s) with prior approval of the Garden Coordinator and/or WWFM Board.

3. Site Access:

- Only approved individuals who volunteer and have been tasked with chores such as scheduled watering, will be provided with the combination to the lock for access.
- All other persons will only be allowed into the Garden when it is open for Market hours or specially designated work hours, overseen by an approved individual.

4. Safety:

- Pathways must be kept clear of items at all times.
- Individuals working in the Garden must wear appropriate clothing, including sturdy shoes and proper face/eye protection when using tools. Gloves are recommended.
- Children under the age of 18 must be supervised at all times.

5. Equipment/Tools:

- Tools will be available on workdays as scheduled by the Garden Coordinator and/or WWFM Board.
- Volunteers will be informed of the proper usage and treatment of tools and are expected to use them appropriately in order to avoid breakage or injury.

6. Compost:

- Composting will be conducted on the Education Garden site using only materials coming from the Education Garden. The final organic compost product will be used in the beds to facilitate growth. No meats, dairy products, weeds or grass shall be used as composting material.
- No outside chemicals are to be used at the Garden site.
- Shredded paper may be used to tame weeds in beds (vegetable-based ink only).

7. General:

- Use trash containers on site for all refuse.
- No dogs or other pets are allowed in the Garden at any time.
- No disruptive behavior that will negatively affect other members/visitors will be tolerated, including loud voices, vulgar language, threats or other intimidation of other volunteers or guests.
- No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed in the Garden.
- Volunteers and visitors will act in a safe and responsible manner while in the Garden.
- Submitting work orders or requests related to the Education Garden are to be the responsibility of the Garden Coordinator and/or WWFM Board.

8. Programs:

- The Garden Coordinator and WWFM Board will jointly determine the content, schedule, and scope of programs to be presented during Farmer's Market hours.
- Should inclement weather preclude a class from occurring, it will be rescheduled at the next earliest possible date.
- Program content, dates and times will be advertised on the Town of Morrisville and WWFM websites and social media pages, as well as on signage on-site at the Garden.
- Additionally, the Morrisville Communications and Outreach and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Departments will be informed of scheduling and topics.

9. ALL Produce grown in the Education Garden is to be either:

- Distributed to designated groups, such as Dorcas Ministries Food Pantry and others.
- Used for Healthy Cooking Demonstrations or other Garden educational programs on site.
- Produce to be grown in the garden will be determined by the Garden Coordinator with input from garden volunteers and the WWFM Board.