

The Cedaredge Community Gardens Association
FEIN #27-1493306
Bylaws and rules (revised 2023)

Section I: Community Garden plot and fee requirements

1: Membership in the Cedaredge Community Garden shall be open to residents of the Surface Creek Valley.

2: Members shall have one vote per plot in the garden which will entitle them to vote in community garden business meetings.

3: The fee for a plot shall be set annually by the officers of the Association. (Note: This is not a “rental” or a “purchase” fee, strictly a membership fee). Payment is made annually by April 1. Members from the previous year will be placed on the waiting list if they do not pay their fee on or before April 1.

4: A family (at least 2 adults) may have 2 plots and 2 votes, If available, an individual member may take a second plot but still has 1 vote.

5: If there are more requests for plots than plots available, a lottery will be conducted to determine distribution.

6: Any association member shall be assigned the garden plot or plots that he/she was assigned the previous year, unless he/she decides otherwise.

7: In the event that a member gives up his/her plot or plots, it must be returned to the association for reassignment. After May 1, no refund of membership fee will be given.

8: Plot sizes are 10'x20' in the main Cedaredge Garden, and subject to change as more garden areas are acquired.

Section 2: Membership rules:

1. A garden plot is not transferable except in the instance when a member is incapacitated or deceased. In that event, an assigned individual may assume the plot with the understanding that all bylaws and regulations must be complied with.
2. A member moving away from the Surface Creek area automatically relinquishes his/her plot and membership.
3. A member or does not work his/her plot for any reason other than severe illness, does not receive a refund and his/her plot reverts back to the association for reassignment.
4. In the event that a member is sick or absent for a short period of time, he/she may have another member of the association, a friend or relative take care of the assigned plot for that season only.
5. If the plot has not been properly maintained according to Garden Operations Rules the member's plot shall be subject to review by the garden board of directors.
6. All non-members and guests will be required to sign a Hold Harmless and Release form prior to any activity on the garden location.
- 7: We are an organic garden. No chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or insecticides may be used at any time in any part of the garden.

Section 3: Garden Operations rules:

1: All walkways shall be kept to a minimum of 36” inches from plot border to plot border and shall be kept free of any implements when a gardener is not actually at work.

2: No permanent fencing is to be installed in or around the individual plots, and no trellis may be within six inches of the border, or higher than four feet. Trellises may not block the sun from other gardens.

3: There shall be no pets allowed in the Cedaredge Community Garden area. Failure to comply will result in dismissal from the association.

4: The entire garden area and the area immediately outside the fence must be kept clean of weeds and rubbish, including the walkways (aisles). Each member is responsible for clearing weeds, grass and rubbish from his/her plot, border and walkway, and the membership as a whole shall be responsible for the common areas (entrance fence area, sink and water equipment area). All rubbish, weeds, grass and spent plant parts shall be put into trash bags and removed from the premises by the members.

5: Members are required to use soaker hoses wherever possible. Sprinklers may NOT be used, nor may hoses be left running when the garden is not in immediate attendance. All hoses and connections must be in good condition with no leaks so that water is not running in the walkways. Hoses are to be rolled up neatly when not in use.

6: Trees are permitted in the west section of the Garden only. Woody plants shall be maintained to a height of five feet or less and shall not shade or otherwise interfere with neighboring gardens. These plants become the property of the association and may be retained or removed as determined by the board.

7. Disputes between gardeners or with the association shall be addressed by the board of directors. Garden rules changes or dismissal of members shall be subject to a vote by the full membership.