

## Community Garden Participation Agreement

2021 Season

**Gardeners are required to fulfill the following obligations annually in order to maintain membership in the Community Garden:**

1. **EMAIL:** Maintain a valid email address. This will be the primary form of communication between staff and gardeners.
2. **CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Attend 1 environmental course of your choice through Duke Farms or another suitable vendor. Record title in your *Online Garden Profile* or in the *Gardener Log Book*. **NOTE:** First year gardeners must complete 3 courses total: Orientation, Intro to Organic Gardening & a course of your choice.
3. **VOLUNTEER:** Complete 4 hours of volunteer time at Duke Farms for your first garden plot, plus 1 hour for each additional plot. Record hours in your *Online Garden Profile* or in the *Gardener Log Book*.
4. **MAINTENANCE:** Keep your plot(s) weeded, harvested and well-maintained within plot boundaries & height limitations (5ft). This includes arranging for plot care during periods of absence. After 4 maintenance warnings, garden plots are forfeited and “taken back” by Duke Farms.
5. **USE ORGANIC MATERIALS:** Use only OMRI (organic materials review institute) or organic approved materials in your plot(s).
6. **PLANTS:** Community Garden plots must be centered around food production. No plants or structures over 5 feet tall are permitted.
7. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** Please be courteous in the garden at all times. You are expected to review all safety, security and conduct expectations as stated in the Duke Farms Community Garden Handbook. (The handbook is available by download from <http://dukefarms.org/cg> or you may request a hard copy.)

By registering for membership in the Duke Farms Community Garden, you are acknowledging all:

- guidelines expressed in the participation agreement,
- the Handbook,
- written ongoing communications stating guideline clarification or new guidelines.