



2022-2023 Community Garden Membership Benefits

Individual Membership:

\$275/year no service hours* required

OR \$190/year 1½ service hours* required per month**

- ❖ Full access to the garden
- ❖ Your own 4x10 ft. plot to build soil, plant, and harvest as you choose (may be shared)
- ❖ A selection of climate appropriate seeds and high-quality seedling starts at no additional cost
- ❖ Use of communal gardening tools
- ❖ Use of harvested rainwater and tap water
- ❖ Use of soil and amendments purchased in bulk for group use
- ❖ Access to compost drop-off and finished compost when available
- ❖ Invitations to workshops and special events held at the garden
- ❖ Participation in group harvesting events
- ❖ Participation in planting and maintaining ornamental/flowering areas (optional)
- ❖ **Includes Communal Membership** - Use of and harvest from communal plots, fruit trees and food forest areas (optional - must participate on at least one communal plot subcommittee to access harvesting rights - see notes on FAQ sheet for more information about communal area participation and harvesting.

Communal Membership:

\$125/year: 1½ service hours* required per month**

- ❖ Full access to the garden
- ❖ A selection of climate appropriate seeds and high-quality seedling starts at no additional cost
- ❖ Participation in at least one communal plot subcommittee and judicious harvesting from communal plots, fruit trees, and food forest areas (see note on FAQ sheet about communal areas participation and harvesting)
- ❖ Use of communal gardening tools
- ❖ Use of harvested rainwater and tap water
- ❖ Use of soil and amendments purchased in bulk for group use
- ❖ Access to compost drop-off and finished compost when available
- ❖ Invitations to workshops and special events held at the garden
- ❖ Participation in group harvesting events
- ❖ Participation in planting and maintaining ornamental/flowering areas (optional)

*service hours can be earned during group work days, doing general garden maintenance, making repairs, volunteering at events and other special projects approved by the Community Garden Executive Committee.

** **Scholarships are available.** Ask an executive committee member for information



2022-2023 Community Garden Rules

In Accordance with our Monroe County School District lease agreement, never, under any circumstances, will anything grown in the garden be sold, bartered, or given in exchange for a donation. Any member or group violating this rule will have their affiliation with the garden terminated

1. I will attend the annual Garden Orientation prior to planting in the garden, or schedule a convenient time with a Garden Executive Committee Member. **(New Members Only)**
2. I will keep weeds down and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot throughout the season.
3. I will begin planting by late October and keep my plot planted at least through April 30th. **If my plot is left dormant in the summer, I will “summerize”** by planting a cover crop OR cover my plot with a thick layer (6” min.) of mulch or weighted-down cardboard. I understand that if I let my plot “go to the weeds” over the summer, I will be charged a \$20 maintenance fee upon renewal in the fall.
4. I understand that the community garden is a “pack in/pack out” zone and I will remove any trash I bring into or generate while in the garden. **I will help remove any trash found in the garden that is not my own.** The garden is not allowed to put trash in cans for pickup. Only plant material can be put in our cans. I will reuse or dispose of plastic plant tags at the end of the season and keep them and all other plastics from littering my bed and common areas.
5. I will not use pressure treated wood, PVC or other toxic materials in the garden. When using recycled/repurposed materials in the garden, **I will only bring items that have an immediate purpose. Do not store items for personal use outside your personal plot.**
6. **I will not purchase any nightshade vegetable starts** (peppers, tomatoes, eggplants) from Home Depot or any “big box” retail or commercial supplier, due to leaf curl and other diseases from these sources.
7. I will use only organic pest control methods and organic, non-chemical fertilizers. I will not use GMO seeds or plants in the garden. To the best of my ability, I will use organic seeds in the garden.
8. I will keep **tall structures and plants** to a height that will **not shade neighboring plots** during the main growing season (Oct. - Apr.) Issues regarding shading will be resolved by the executive committee.
9. I understand that I must receive approval from the executive committee **BEFORE building any permanent structure** (trellis, new beds, etc.) or **planting any perennial plant that will be larger than 4’ at maturity.** This rule applies throughout the garden in personal plots and communal areas. For permission, present your proposal to an executive committee member. **Papayas, bananas, moringa, and other tree-like plants may not be grown in individual plots.**
10. **I will not harvest from anyone else’s personal plot without permission,** nor will I harvest from Communal Beds or the Food Forest unless I am an active member of a plot subcommittee.
11. I pledge to conserve water by ensuring that all spigots are turned off after watering. I will use cistern water first, when available.
12. I understand that the garden is not a safe playground for unsupervised children and any child I bring to the garden will have my attention and supervision.
13. I understand that **dogs and cats are not permitted** in the garden. I will not put out food to attract stray animals to the garden.
14. I understand that **smoking is not permitted** in the garden and surrounding areas.
15. I agree to bring issues or grievances to the Garden Executive Committee. Do not take matters into your own hands. If something is bothering you, let the executive committee handle it.
16. I understand that **continued violation of these rules or failure to fulfill required service hours will result in forfeiture of my plot and membership at the discretion of the executive committee.**



2022/2023 Community Garden Terms and FAQ

Waitlist and plot availability: As individual plots become available, the steering committee will move through the waitlist in the following order for right of refusal: 1) Communal members who have gardened with us for a full season; 2) People who have been on the waitlist for a full season or more, in the order of joining the waitlist; 3) After the first two groups, communal members who have gardened less than a full season join the regular waitlist in order of joining.

Service Hours: All members who have not “opted out” by paying a higher fee to cover garden maintenance are required to contribute **1.5 hours** of maintenance in common areas per month. These hours can be completed by participating in a group workday/compost day or participating in a special project approved by the executive committee. Please remember to report hours completed as part of a special project and work day attendance to the membership chair for record.

Communal Beds and Food Forest: The design and planting of these areas is managed by Subcommittees*. Judicious Harvest** from *all communal beds* is allowed by *anyone actively participating* in maintenance of communal beds and the food forest (planting, watering, weeding and feeding). Please communicate with the plot subcommittee before making changes that might disrupt the work of others, including planting new crops and removing plants. Remember that plants in the communal beds and the food forest are to be shared collectively among members of the garden. *You are planting for the community, not for yourself. Do not plan to harvest all of what you sow.* A personal plot is the place for things over which you feel ownership. The only exception to judicious harvest is Trial Plantings*** and large items that are not easily shared. Large items will be shared on a Communal Harvest**** day, usually a work day.

***Subcommittees:** A group of individuals that collaborates on the design, planning, and planting of communal beds. Participating in subcommittees is optional for individual memberships and mandatory for communal memberships. There is no limit to the number of subcommittees one can be involved with, but please only commit to what you can handle and inform other participants if you must step away.

**** Judicious Harvest:** *Judicious: Having, showing, or done with good judgment or sense.* Leave enough for others to harvest, **“never take the last one.”** Remember, all communal members and individual plot members who participate in at least one subcommittee have the right to harvest judiciously from all communal beds and the food forest. You are not just sharing with your subcommittee, you are planting for the garden community.

***** Trial Plantings:** Experimental plantings will be marked with a flag or sign “do not harvest.” These plants are being tested for their success in our climate. In order to properly gauge their success, they need to be examined throughout growth without interference. Please leave them alone unless specifically instructed otherwise. If they yield a successful harvest, it will be shared communally. If you would like to trial a plant in a communal bed, please communicate with the executive committee first.

****** Communal Harvest:** Large items grown in communal beds or the food forest that are not easily divided will be shared by “splitting” or consuming as a group in the garden. These items include, but are not limited to: winter squash, pumpkin, calabaza, pineapples, melon, ripe bananas, and papayas. Communal harvest will typically occur on a Saturday morning or on a work day.

A note on papayas and bananas: These fruits can be harvested and enjoyed when immature/green and fully ripe. Since the majority of gardeners prefer them when ripe, please do not over harvest immature fruit.



2022/2023 Membership Agreement

Member Name(s): (please print):

Primary Gardener Name: _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Secondary Gardener Name: _____ Phone # _____

I prefer to *OPT IN* to text notifications/communications via group text.

I check my email often and prefer to receive notifications/communications via email only.

Membership Type (Choose One):

Individual Plot Membership (12 months, October 1, 2022 - September 31, 2023)
Circle One:

\$275/year (no service hours required)

\$190/year (1½ service hours per month required)

Communal Membership (12 months, October 1, 2022 - September 31, 2023)
\$125/year (1½ service hours per month)

Membership Fees: \$ _____

Donation (optional): \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Membership Agreement: I understand that neither the Community Garden Key West, its Executive Committee, GLEE (Green Living Energy Education) or its Board of Directors, nor the Monroe County School District is responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE AFOREMENTIONED GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, INJURY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

I/We have read and agree to the terms of this CGKW Membership Agreement, and agree to abide by the Membership Rules.

Signature of Primary Gardener: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Secondary Gardener: _____ Date: _____

Return this form and your check, payable to Green Living Energy Education (GLEE) to:

Community Garden Key West, % Robert Farrow, 3818 Duck Ave., Key West FL, 33040

OR go to www.communitygardenkywet.com and click on the Memberships tab for information about using PayPal. You can also send payments directly from your PayPal account by using payments@communitygardenkeywest.com

If you choose the PayPal option, please return this agreement to the above address.