



## 2021/2022 Community Garden Membership Benefits

### Individual Membership -

**\$275/year: no service hours\* required**

**OR \$190/year: 1-1/2 service hours\* required per month**

- Full access to garden
- Your own 4x10 ft. plot to build, plant and harvest as you choose (may be shared)
- Access to, and use of climate appropriate seeds and high-quality seedling starts at no additional cost
- Use of available building materials on site for building plot, as available
- Use of communal garden tools
- Use of harvested rainwater, well, and tap water
- Use of soil and amendments purchased in bulk for group use
- Access to compost drop-off and use of finished compost when available
- Invitations and discounted admission 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 in at least one communal plot to access harvesting rights - see notes on FAQ sheet about communal areas participation & harvesting)

### Communal Membership -

**\$125/year: 1-1/2 service hours\* required per month.**

- Full access to garden
- Participation in and harvest from communal plots, fruit trees, and food forest areas (see notes on FAQ sheet about communal areas participation & harvesting)
- Access to and use of climate-appropriate seeds & high quality seedling starts at no additional cost
- Use of available building materials on site for building communal plots, as available
- Use of communal garden tools
- Use of harvested rainwater, well, and tap water
- Use of soil and amendments purchased in bulk for group use
- Access to compost drop-off and use of finished compost when available
- Invitations and discounted admission 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 acquired through work days, common area maintenance, repairs, volunteering at events, or other special projects approved by the garden's Executive Committee (for more information see "Common Areas" on the Garden Terms and FAQ page)



## 2021/2022 Garden Rules

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 (6" min.) layer of mulch or weighted-down cardboard. I understand that gardeners who let their plots "go to the weeds" over the summer 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 any trash I bring into the garden I will remove or place in the appropriate bin when I leave the garden. **I will help remove any trash found in the garden that is not my own.** I will reuse or dispose of plastic plant tags at the end of the season and do my best to keep them and other plastics from littering beds or common areas.
5. I will not use pressure treated wood, PVC or other toxic materials in the garden. While we fully encourage the use of recycled/re-purposed materials in the garden, **I will only bring items that have an immediate purpose.**
6. **I will not purchase any nightshade vegetable starts** (peppers, tomatoes or 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 genetically modified 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 and vining crops & structures** to heights that will **not shade neighboring plots** during the main growing season (Oct. - April). 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, to personal plots and communal areas. For permission, present your proposal to an executive committee member.
10. **I will not harvest from anyone else's individual plot without their permission,** nor will I harvest from Communal Beds or the Food Forest unless I have participated in communal cultivation.
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 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 are not permitted** in the garden. I understand that **smoking is not permitted** in the garden or surrounding areas.
14. I agree to bring issues or grievances to the garden's Executive Committee. Don't take matters into your own hands, if something is bothering you, bring it to the Executive Committee's attention.
15. I understand that **continued violation of these rules or failure to fulfill required service hours will result in forfeiture of your plot and membership at the discretion of the executive committee.**



## 2021/2022 Community Garden Terms & FAQ

**Common Areas:** Areas & items shared by all members of the garden. For example: walkways, picnic benches, rainwater tanks, hoses, composting area, seedling table, tool and supply sheds, areas between raised beds. All members that have not "opted out" by paying a higher fee to cover maintenance, are required to participate in 1.5 hours of maintenance of these areas per month. These hours can be completed during a group work day/compost day or arranged with an executive committee member. Please remember to report these hours to the membership chair for record. Please note this is not the same as \*Communal Beds, and that watering does not count towards service hours.

**Communal Beds & Food Forest:** The design & planting of these areas are managed by Subcommittees\*. Judicious harvest\* from *all communal beds* is allowed by *anyone actively participating* in maintenance of communal beds & the food forest (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. Please remember that plants in the communal beds and food forest are to be shared collectively. *You are planting for the community, not the self, do not plan to harvest all of what you sow.* Keep this in mind before planting anything you feel ownership over - your personal plot would be a better location for these types of plants. The only exception to judicious harvest is Trial Plantings\*; large items that are not easily shared, like pumpkins and pineapples, fall under Communal Harvest\* rules.

**Subcommittees:** A group of individuals that collaborate 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 in, but please only commit to what you can handle and inform other participants if you decide to step away.

**Judicious Harvest:** *Judicious: Having, showing, or done with good judgment or sense.* Leaving enough for others to harvest, "never take the last one".

**Communal Harvest:** Harvest of large items that are not easily divided, grown in communal beds or the food forest, to be shared by "splitting" or consuming as a group within the garden. Includes, but not limited to: winter squash/pumpkin/calabaza, pineapples, melons, ripe bananas & papayas. Communal harvest will typically occur on a Saturday morning or other work day.

**A note on Papaya & Bananas:** These Fruits can be harvested and enjoyed in various preparations when immature/green, and we encourage gardeners to harvest & use them this way. But since the majority of gardeners prefer them in fully ripened form, we will tag fruits with pink tape to reserve them for fully ripened harvest. If you are harvesting immature fruits for consumption, please only harvest those not marked with pink tape.

**Trial plantings:** Experimental plantings that will be marked with a flag or sign "do not harvest". These plants are being trialled 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 there is a new plant you'd like to trial in one of the communal beds, please communicate with the executive committee first.



## 2021/2022 Membership Application

Memberships valid through September 31, 2022

**Member Name(s):** (please print):

Primary Gardener Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*You are allowed one additional gardener (family member, friend, or significant other) as part of your membership. Please list below:

Additional Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Type:**

**Individual Membership** (12 months: October 1, 2021 - September 31, 2022)  
\$275/year (no service hours required)  
\$190/year (1-1/2 service hours required per month)

**OR..**

**Communal Membership** (12 months: October 1, 2021 - September 31, 2022)  
\$125/year (1-1/2 service hours required per month)

**Total Membership Fees: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation to the Garden (Optional): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Additional donations will help assist in the development of the garden for enjoyment of all.

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Agreement** - I understand that neither the Community Garden Key West nor its Executive Committee, GLEE (Green Living & Energy Education) or its Board of Directors, nor the Monroe County School District are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE AFORMENTIONED 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, as well as the Membership Rules (above)

Signature of Primary Garden Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Additional Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this signed form with cash or check made payable to:  
Community Garden Key West (CGKW), PO Box 2946, Key West, FL 33045

**UPDATE... We now accept payment via PayPal**

You can now submit your annual Membership Payment via PayPal, even if you don't have a PayPal account. Simply go to [www.communitygardenkeywest.com](http://www.communitygardenkeywest.com) and click on the Memberships tab for more information. Or, Login to your PayPal account and send payment directly to [payments@communitygardenkeywest.com](mailto:payments@communitygardenkeywest.com)