

Code of Conduct: the following are strictly prohibited

- Feeding, dumping or harboring wildlife
- Stealing from community areas or garden neighbors' plots
- Disorderly conduct includes; fighting, verbal abuse, profanity, and cyberbullying
- Racial, sexual orientation, ethnic, or religious slurs
- Ball playing, skating, loud music
- Littering
- Interfering with any operations or activities of committees
- Displaying of flags or other political statements or opinions except the American Flag (*Stars and Stripes*)
- The use of any chemical pesticides, herbicides and/or fungicides such as but not limited to: Sevin, Captan, Diazinon, Roundup or Malathion.

FBGA encourages the use of organic fertilizers and forbids the use of pesticides and herbicides. Fertilizers exceeding an NPK total of 15 or higher are non-organic. Fertilizers come in numbers. The numbers are the content of 3 main ingredients—NPK: Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium respectively.

- Nitrogen is important from growing new leaves to keeping pests at bay. It is part of the chlorophyll molecule, which gives plants their green color and is involved in creating food for the plant through photosynthesis.

- Phosphorus helps plants convert nutrients into usable atoms and vitally important for root growth.

- Potassium is responsible for the growth and reproduction of plants. Potassium is considered second only to nitrogen, when it comes to nutrients needed by plants.

Organic brands: Espoma, Dr. Earth, FoxFarm. Bat /bird guano, composted chicken, sheep, horse manure, blood meal, chicken feather or fish meal are excellent sources of nitrogen. Bonemeal; good source of phosphorus. Kelp or greensand are organic sources of potassium.

NPS Lease/FBGA By-Laws/501(c)3 Requirements

Display permit hangtags in vehicles front window, or you may be subject to ticketing by NPS police. In case of drought, members will respect any restrictions posted or stated by NPS. If Floyd Bennett Field is closed to visitors, FBGA will also be closed. In addition, members are also obligated to follow all regulations in our lease with NPS, our by-laws and 501(c)3.

All FBGA by-laws, lease and stipulations securing our 501(c)3 status must be followed. You will be warned and notified in advance of any violations noted during inspection. Members who do violate any of these agreements after being warned will be removed.

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The Floyd Bennett Gardens Association, Inc.

Rules and Policy Regulations



Welcome to the Floyd Bennett Gardens Association, Inc, located on historic Floyd Bennett Field, part of Gateway National Recreation Area Jamaica Bay Unit. We are one of the largest community gardens in the United States and a 501(c)3 not for profit organization. We are open from sunrise to sunset from April 1 through October 31.

Daniel Puntorno, President
John Burrafato, Vice-President
Anne Gaudet, Recording Secretary
Judy Tropiano, Treasurer
Christine Morales, Corresponding Secretary

Inspection Requirements

The following rules & regulations apply to all members and guests. Failure to abide by FBGA's policies may result in forfeiting your privileges as a community gardener. *Any issues write the Administration in advance.*

Plots are inspected monthly May 1—September 30. Violations not corrected by the next inspection will count as another citation. Three violations in two years is cause to reassign your plot.

1. Plots must be planted by May 15 and display a clearly labeled sign on gate or front fence facing the aisle by April 30. Include: member's last name & plot number.
2. Gardens and aisles must be level and free of weeds—maintain by weeding or mulching. A 48-inch aisle width for safe public & wheelchair access and maintaining front and back aisles (applies to 10'X40' plot only) is mandatory.
3. Invasive plants (but not limited to): bamboo, fennel, Fountain grass, Houttuynia, horseradish, mints, morning glory, blackberry, raspberry, trees and shrubs are to be grown in pots only not to exceed 6 feet in height. The roots can interfere with common areas or your neighbor's space. *Be diligent in removing these plants.*
4. Only 5 feet high wood, green, silver, black metal or plastic fencing is allowed. Chain link, lattice, or other shade causing fences and permanent structures are prohibited. No more than 4 single plots are to be fenced in. Invasive vines or other plantings are not permitted outside or along the fence line.
5. Limit of 50 sq. ft. of any size plot can be used for structures. The remaining area must be for plantings. Existing structures allowed to remain.
6. No altering or tampering with any pipes or main watering system. No standing water in any container, or bird bath without mosquito dunk or larvae eating fish to prevent mosquitoes.

Community Policy

Members are responsible to check bulletin boards, newsletter or website for changes and/or updates. Educational workshops are for members and the public. Children's garden workshops are for member's children unless otherwise specified.

All members must pick up permit tags and ID cards as directed by the administration. The Spring Meeting is mandatory. Contact the Administration within 48 hrs. to make arrangements if you cannot pick up your permit or come to the meeting. Failure to have permits after April 30 may result in forfeiture of the plot.

Plots are non-transferable except in situations of a member's death; the plot may then be transferred to a spouse, domestic partner or immediate family member only, provided the administration is notified in writing. If a plot is or appears abandoned without written notification, the plot will be reassigned. Plots must be left free of debris and plants when switching to another. Moving is permitted from March 15-30. Secure plots for winter break. After 2 years, members can apply for double plots if they have no violations in a 2-yr. period. Plots are assigned when available.

Members must adhere to the layout dimensions of plots as allocated. Approximate sizes are: 10'X20' single, 10'X40' (X plot), and/or 20'X20' (U plot).

Obstructions of any kind in aisles are not permitted, this includes: mats, rugs and carpets. Structures must not exceed 6 feet in height or interfere with neighboring plots. Structures must be 3 ft. from perimeter of neighboring gardens to avoid shading other plots. Tarps on sides or top of structures is not permitted. However, roll-up shade cloths and umbrellas are allowed.

Unauthorized pruning, planting, or removal of plants from common areas is not permitted.

Clean up after your pet. Dogs must be leashed. Pets interfering with the community areas are not welcome.

Community Areas & Community Service

Each member is limited to 2 plots per person per our by-laws. Each plot-holder is required to present photo ID with proof of address to obtain credit or exemption for community service. Each plot-holder must perform 4 hours of community service per plot as specified in FBGA's by-laws or determined by the Board of Directors. Service must be completed by September 30. There is no carry over of service. Members are encouraged to join a committee to participate in the community environment. *Be social. Work together!*

All green NPS trash cans are for small trash only. Metal, wood and large items must be brought to the dumpster located in the rear of the gardens for removal by Dept. of Sanitation. Vegetation and organic matter (weeds) are to be placed in the Community Compost area; no plastic bags or trash allowed therein.

Members are not permitted in work areas (located behind the picnic and habitat) without permission from the O&M Director. Any delivery of materials (compost, manure, or woodchips) are for members only and will be placed in the parking areas for you to use by Operations and Maintenance crews.

Picnic/BBQ Areas

FBGA's picnic area and gazebos are community spaces shared by all members. Members must accompany and remain with their guests during picnics and/or BBQ's. Large groups (20+), must file an application (2-week notice and a security deposit of \$100. (refunded after inspection). Applications are subject to approval. Contact the President/Administration to secure a reservation. Only charcoal fires are permitted. Clean grills after each use and place spent coal in the red cans marked CHARCOAL ONLY. Dispose of your bagged trash in the green containers. Inspection rules apply to all users. Violations will be issued for non-compliance.

BBQ responsibly. Fires destroy property & wildlife habitats.

