



## Membership Rules and Responsibilities

1. Memberships are offered at the following levels:
  - Seedling Circle: \$25
  - Herb Circle: \$26-\$50
  - Fruit and Vegetable Circle: \$51-\$100
  - Rose Circle: \$101-\$500
  - Orchid Circle: \$501+All membership donations are tax-deductible.
2. Members may rent a garden plot for an additional \$25, which, because it is a fee for service, is not tax-deductible.
3. Members must complete and sign:
  - a) Membership Agreement (page 3 of this document)
  - b) Acknowledgement of Community Garden Responsibilities and Guidelines (page 4 of DeKalb County Garden Rules and Forms)
  - c) Release and Indemnification Agreement (page 5 of DeKalb County Garden Rules and Forms)
4. Checks for membership and plot rental fees should be made payable to "Park Pride – HPCG" and mailed, along with the three forms described in #3 above, to:
  - Henderson Park Community Garden
  - P.O. Box 2962
  - Tucker, GA 30085
5. Plot-sharing arrangements within households/families are handled in the same manner as individual plot rentals. Plot-sharing arrangements between members of different households/families are allowed provided that each party is an HPCG member; the two parties may split the plot rental fee, each paying \$12.50.
6. Each plot is rented for the period of January 1 through December 31, but new members may join and available plots rented at any time during the year.
7. Membership and plot rental fees are due in full before the garden season begins on January 1.
8. An applicant waiting list will be maintained for future plot availability.
9. Each plot-holder ("gardener") is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden-related maintenance are the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
10. Gardeners will recognize that water is a precious commodity and will water their plots accordingly. Gardeners are encouraged to use rainwater when available. Gardeners are encouraged to restrict public water usage to 30 minutes per day and to water before 10:00 am and after 5:00 pm to reduce loss to evaporation. Gardeners are to remain on-site while using public water.



11. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers only from their plot, unless granted permission by another gardener or posted signs indicate otherwise.
12. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify Henderson Park Community Garden leadership if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than two weeks, that plot will be subject to reassignment unless the plot has been prepared with a cover crop or appropriately mulched.
13. Prohibited activities include:
  - a) Littering, dumping, alcohol consumption, and any other unlawful activities
  - b) Amplified sound
  - c) Ball playing or other forms of active recreation inside the garden
  - d) Growing of illegal substances
14. Children are welcome in the garden but children under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
15. Pets, with the exception of service animals, are not allowed in the garden area.
16. Only organic and natural means of disease and pest control may be used. The use of herbicides (weed killers), synthetic fertilizers, and synthetic pesticides in the garden is prohibited. Assistance in organic gardening methods will be provided to gardeners who request it.
17. Gardeners agree to volunteer time toward general garden upkeep and other community garden efforts. Each gardener will commit to participate in at least 3 scheduled workdays each year.
18. Gardeners will keep their plots and the areas surrounding their plots free of debris, weeds, and overgrown crops.
19. Gardeners will plant crops and decorate their plots in a manner that does not unreasonably encroach upon their neighbors' space or access to sunlight.
20. Gardeners will dispose of trash in proper receptacles and dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost bins.
21. Plot rentals are not transferable and fees are nonrefundable.
22. Gardeners will show consideration toward fellow gardeners, garden property, and the community at large.



## Membership Agreement

I have read the HPCG Membership Rules and Responsibilities and agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in loss of gardening privileges and rental fees.

I agree to waive, release, absolve, hold harmless, and indemnify the Henderson Park Community Garden, and HPCG leadership, membership, volunteers, and sponsors, including Park Pride, from and against all damages, claims, demands, suits, actions, costs, or expenses directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of, or in connection with the use of the Henderson Park Community Garden.

Please choose type of membership:  Membership Only  
 Membership + Plot Rental

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For plot rentals: The following have my permission to tend and/or harvest from my plot:

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For plot-sharing arrangements between members from different households/families, name of the member with whom you are sharing:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For HPCG Use Only:

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Plot number: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Rental fee: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Date forwarded to PP: \_\_\_\_\_