

UUCFM GARDEN POLICIES

For the integrity and quality of our Gardens and the environment we are committed to following these policies (which are subject to modification). To assure the best gardening experience for all, each Garden member will be required to commit to these guidelines as part of the registration process.

- To protect the Eco-Preserve, please do NOT use or apply pesticides/herbicides in the Garden unless they are recommended by IFAS. Check out the resources at <https://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/>
- I agree NOT to plant anything invasive or exotic that appears on the most current Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council list at <https://www.floridainvasives.org/plant-list/2023-invasive-plant-species/>
- All garden beds need to be maintained appropriately. I will keep the 6" (six-inch) perimeter around the exterior of my bed free of weeds, pests, and diseases.
- Harvesting food from any gardens beds other than your own is not allowed unless you are asked to do so.
- The Gardens are open from dawn to dusk. If the garden gate is locked when you arrive, please be sure to close and lock it when you leave.
- Garden carts and wheelbarrows are available to move supplies between the parking area and the gardens.
- Return all tools, hoses, carts, and wheelbarrows when you are finished. Report any damaged or broken equipment.
- Bird netting is prohibited.
- Be considerate of other gardeners. Please keep your site clean and weed free, remove and compost dead plants and debris.
- The entire UUCFM Campus (including the Eco Preserve is smoke free. No guns, weapons of any type, or drugs are allowed at any time.
- I will NOT allow my bed to become uncultivated (fallow or unattended) for any periods longer than 2 weeks. I live in Lee County for at least 4 months between October and May. If I need to be absent, I will make arrangements with a Garden Manager.
- If there is evidence of pests and/or diseases on plants in my bed, the Manager has the authority to treat or remove such plants. This will happen after attempts to contact the gardener go unanswered.
- I will keep my plants confined within the limits of my bed. I agree not to plant trees or bushes. I agree that no plant, trellis, or other structure shall be more than 6 ft. (six feet) above the garden bed. I agree that my plants will not encroach on the pathways in the Garden.
- No pets allowed except service dogs.
- Abandoned garden beds will be repurposed to protect the integrity of the Gardens. Bed fees for abandoned beds are not refundable.