



## Franklin County International Harvest Garden

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### *Frequently Asked Questions:*

Q. Where is the International Harvest Garden located?

A. The garden is located at 1919 Frank Rd., Columbus, OH 43223, on Columbus' near southwest side.

**Directions:** From I-71, exit Frank Road. Proceed west on Frank Road. Turn left onto Frank. Follow Frank approx 2 miles to 1919 Frank Rd.

Q. What are the purposes of the International Harvest Garden?

A. *Preserving green space.* Community gardens add to the acreage of parks and other means, while allowing the land to be used in a productive manner.

*Support food banks.* Community gardens often help supply local food pantries. Fresh produce is always in high demand, and a portion of the food grown at each garden could be directed to food banks in the immediate vicinity.

*Helping Those In Need.* There is a critical need for improved nutrition in low-income communities. Access to fresh produce in these areas remains a challenge, and it is often the case that residents must travel significant distances to obtain it. Efforts can be made to connect low-income residents and food from community gardens.

Q. When will garden plots be assigned?

A. Requests will be honored and plots will be determined by a lottery system. Gardeners will be contacted beginning Wednesday, March 30th. The garden will open on Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 depending on ground and weather conditions.

Q. Do I have to have gardening experience to have a plot?

A. No. Beginners are encouraged to utilize the excellent gardening resources available in Columbus through either the Ohio State University Extension Master Gardener Program or Franklin Park Conservatory. Gardening classes covering a range of topics are available for interested parties.

Q. What is included in my garden plot assignment and what am I responsible for providing myself?

A. Included in plot assignment:

- Garden plot(s) for use during the 2016 growing season.
- Access during daylight hours
- On-site water access for use in garden

Gardeners are responsible for providing:

- Tools
- Hoses
- Plants & seeds
- Other gardening materials

Q. Will there be storage on-site?

A. No. You must take your tools and hoses with you when you leave the garden site.

Q. What do I do if an emergency arises?

A. Garden will be open from dawn until dusk. It is recommended that gardeners keep a cell phone close at hand. If the immediate assistance arises, call 911.

Q. When will I be able to access my garden plot?

A. The International Harvest garden will be open to participating gardeners from dawn to dusk seven days a week.

Q. Who do I contact for questions and assistance?

A. A Garden Coordinator will be regularly available at the garden, though the schedule is not yet finalized. **To contact the Garden Coordinator, call 614-525-4874.**

Q. Am I allowed to sell the produce that I grow?

A. Yes.

More information about the Franklin County International Harvest Garden can be found by emailing [CommunityGarden@FranklinCountyOhio.gov](mailto:CommunityGarden@FranklinCountyOhio.gov) or by going online to [www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/Commissioners/Community-Gardens](http://www.FranklinCountyOhio.gov/Commissioners/Community-Gardens)

