



GANTZ ROAD COMMUNITY GARDEN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where is the Gantz Road Community Garden?

A: The garden is located at the intersection of Gantz Road and Frank Road, on Columbus' near southwest side.

Directions: From the north, take I-71 south from downtown, exit Frank Road. The exit dead ends into Frank Road. Turn left onto Frank. Following Frank approx 2 miles to Gantz Road. Turn left onto Gantz. The first right is the entrance to the property. The garden and parking lot are on the immediate right.

From the south, take I-71 north, exit Frank Road. Turn left and go west to Frank Road. Turn left onto Frank. Following Frank approx 2 miles to Gantz Road. Turn left onto Gantz. The first right is the entrance to the property. The garden and parking lot are on the immediate right.

Q: What is the purpose of the Gantz Road Community Garden?

A: The main purpose of the community garden is to provide a space for both novice and experienced gardeners to grow food together. In addition to gardeners being able to grow food to feed their own family and neighbors, it is also a place to help foster a sense of community, and preserve diminishing green space.

Q: When will garden plots be assigned?

A: Gardeners will be contacted beginning Friday, April 1, 2011 about their plot. Plot requests will be assigned based on order of receipt, with gardeners returning from 2010 having preference.

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

A: On Saturday, April 16, the garden will open. On that day, gardeners will need to check-in and pay the fee for their plot. They will receive a map of the garden showing their assigned plots. And gardening may begin!

The Gantz Road Community Garden will be open to participating gardeners from dawn to dusk seven days a week.

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 2011 growing season.
- Access during daylight hours
- Water

You are responsible for providing:

- Tools
- Hoses
- Plants & seeds

· Other gardening materials

Q: Are there any resources for me to utilize for my garden?

A: OSU Master Gardeners offer a wealth of resources to gardeners; visit their website: <http://extension.osu.edu/resources>. Whether you are growing flowers or vegetables, the Garden Information Line can help; it is staffed Mondays and Fridays from 9 AM until noon. This line is also staffed the first Wednesday evening of every month, 4 PM until 7 PM. The direct line is 614-688-4769 or e-mail them at: mgfranklin@ag.ohio-state.edu

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: 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. When not on site, the Garden Coordinator can be reached at 614-317-9476.

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

A: No, beginners are welcomed. We encourage any gardener 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: Is the garden organic?

A: Yes, gardeners are not to use any herbicides or pesticides in their plots. Gardeners should utilize local resources, online information, and books to learn how to best manage their plot organically. Visit: <http://organicgardening.com/>