



## **Franklin County Mound Street Road Community Garden**

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### *Frequently Asked Questions:*

Q. Where is the Mound Street Community Garden located?

A. The garden is located at 50 East Mound Street, at the intersection of Mound Street and Pearl Alley in Downtown Columbus.

Q. What are the purposes of Community Gardens?

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.

*Supporting 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 23, 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. When will I be able to access my garden plot?

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

Q. What do I do if an emergency arises?

A. 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. **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 Mound Street Community 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)

