

## **Cottage City Garden COVID-19 Guidelines for Safe Community Gardening**

Gardening is a great active living and therapeutic exercise, but we want to maintain the health and safety of our community members while dealing with the current pandemic dealing with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and ensure that we're following the CDC's and State of Maryland's guidance. ***Our garden is intergenerational, and we have people of all ages and current health states. Our goal is to ensure that EVERYONE has the ability to garden SAFELY. Please do not compromise the health of others.*** In addition to the preventative measures from the CDC for each of us to follow the Cottage City Community Garden will now enforce additional guidelines to keep all gardeners safe.

### **THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

- Follow all preventative measures for hand washing, social distancing, and general hygiene. (See flyer attached)
- If You are feeling Sick **PLEASE Stay Home.**
- No more than 5 people at the garden at any time.
- Keep at least 6 FEET between yourself and other gardeners.
- Bring your own tools to the garden and take your tools home when you are finished for the day.
- Thoroughly wipe down the hose nozzle and the garden cart **BEFORE AND AFTER USE** with the cleaning solution provided.

**We are STRONGLY ENFORCING SOCIAL DISTANCING. THERE SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 5 PEOPLE AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AT ANY.** If you arrive at the garden and there are more than five people, please return at another time.

**Bring your own tools to the Community Garden. The Garden Shed will be locked, and all shared tools will be off limits, with the exception of one wheelbarrow** (see below for usage guidelines). Gardeners need to take their tools home when they are done for the day. You can purchase inexpensive gardening tools from the Dollar Tree OR you can order them online.

**Thoroughly wipe down the hose nozzle and the garden cart BEFORE AND AFTER USE.** There are bottles of bleach and soapy water on top of the cistern. You can also bring sanitizing wipes and wipe down what you touch.

**Gloves do not replace proper sanitation procedures.** The outside of your glove can transmit diseases from one surface to another, including transmitting the disease to yourself and others. Be prepared to wipe anything down that you touch in the Garden that someone else might also touch, and do not assume anyone else has followed these guidelines.

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***Soap, alcohol and bleach are the best agents to kill the virus. Soap is VERY effective. Consider carrying a Ziploc bag with very soapy water and a washcloth inside it with you at all times. Makes hand washing very easy anywhere you are.***