Orchard Downs Garden Plots Opening

It is with pleasure that we announce that this year's Orchard Downs Garden program will open on the 9th of April. Growing our own produce in such fertile soil is a wonderful opportunity, and the Family Housing Council is delighted to offer this service. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity!

FREE VEGETABLE, HERB, & FLOWER SEEDS FOR ALL REGISTERED GARDENERS

Registration Information:

Date & Location	Hours for **Residents**	Hours for **Non-residents**
Saturday April 9th Orchard Downs Community Center	8:00am-10:00am	9:00am-10:00am
Saturday April 9th Orchard Downs Community Center	4:00pm-6:00pm	4:00pm-6:00pm

On registration day, residents are asked to bring the following:

- Proof of current resident status
  (Example: copy of lease or a bill with your name & address)
- Photo ID
- Payment for your rental & deposit (only personal checks will be accepted)

Fees: For full plots (10 yard x 10 yard): (one yard is roughly equal to one meter)

	Resident	**Non-resident**
Rental	$35/plot x No. of plots	$70/plot x No. of plots
Deposit	$30/plot x No. of plots	$30/plot x No. of plots

Important Information:

- This year, we will NOT be offering half-plots.
- The garden season will begin on 04/9/2011 and end on 11/6/2011.
- Deposits will be returned on 11/12/2011 only to those gardeners who managed to keep the garden plot level and clean, and follow the attached rules.
- We can only accept checks made payable to the University of Illinois.
- Residents without proof of resident status will pay non-resident fees.
- Only four plots permitted for each gardener, two of which must be off the walkway.
- Gardeners are not allowed to sublease a resident-subsidized plot. If determined that a plot was subleased the deposit will ***not*** be returned, & registered plot(s) will be suspended.
- Plots A, B, C, D, E, F, are designated for organic gardening. (maps available at registration)
- All gardeners must follow the garden plots rules and regulations (see back of this page).
- For questions, concerns, or late registration please email the Garden Group at ODGardenGroup@hotmail.com or please come to a Family Housing Council meeting @ 5:45pm on the last Friday of month to discuss the matter.

Your Orchard Downs Family Housing Council & the Garden Group

Family Housing Council
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

GARDEN GROUP

This year, we will have the Garden Group manage and organize the Orchard Downs Garden Plots. The Garden Group is composed of volunteers from Family Housing Council as well as fellow gardeners. Responsibilities of the Garden Group include: assisting with marking & numbering plots, assisting with Registration Day, monitoring the garden activity on a rotational schedule, resolving gardener disputes, and participating in Garden Group meetings which take place during the Family Housing Council meeting (last Friday of each month at 5:45pm at the Orchard Downs Community Center). If interested in joining the Garden Group, please email ODGardenGroup@hotmail.com.

ORCHARD DOWNS FAMILY HOUSING COUNCIL GARDEN PLOTS RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **USE OF WATER:** The use of water in the Orchard Downs gardens is provided free of charge the renter, but that does not mean that the water is free. Last year the Council paid over $ 1,000 in water fees for the gardens from mid-April to November. We ask each renter to use the water properly. Proper use of water includes vegetable watering, cleaning tools and produce, and drinking. **DO NOT use the water for washing cars, carpets or bicycles.** Only those persons renting a plot may use the water. To avoid conflict, **please limit use to 15 minutes** if someone is waiting. No sprinklers are allowed. If water is abused, garden plot rates will increase next year, so it is in everyone's interest to monitor and report misuse to the Garden Group. Gardeners will be fined $10.00 for if caught leaving the water on and leaving the gardening area.

2. **AREA FOR GARDENING:** Please plant ONLY in the area which is marked off by the stakes. **Do not** remove the stakes or plant in the walkways. Plants in the walkways will be removed by the Garden Group.

3. **NOT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS:** No cars or glass allowed. Cars are not allowed on the grass. Cars can be parked in the "L" Lot just north of the garden area. This problem has been ignored in the past but will be handled by the University Police during the garden season.

4. **SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES/HERBICIDES:** Synthetic chemicals are **not allowed** in the organic section of the garden. The use of chemicals in the non-organic section should be limited to those products derived from natural sources, including Rotenone & Pyrethrin. Experimental chemicals are **not allowed**. **Do not leave pesticides/herbicides in your plot** as children have been caught playing with them in the past.

5. **WEEDS:** It is the responsibility of each gardener to control the weeds in and around their plot(s) and on the adjacent walkways.

6. **STEALING:** Please respect the property of other renters and do not go into others' garden plots or take produce that is not yours. If you observe any problem, please report it immediately to the Garden Group at ODGardenGroup@hotmail.com. Due to last year's stolen produce problems, the Garden Group will be patrolling the garden daily and at odd times to monitor the plots.

7. **FINES:** You are expected to clean your plot at the end of the growing season. Deposits will only be returned if you remove all non-organic materials from your plot by November 6, 2011. If you violate any of the rules and regulations listed above you will be given warnings. If after 3 warnings the problems are not corrected you will be fined part or all of the deposit money and/or will not be allowed to rent garden plots next year.

Race Street

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D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	D10	D11	D12	D13	D14	D15	D16	D17	D18	D19
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A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13	A14

Orchard Downs Parking Lot

* : Indicates the water supply spots.