1. **Purpose**

The Purpose of the Del Webb eTOWN Garden Club is to manage the community garden(s) thereby providing residents with a common place to garden. The Club seeks to develop and broaden the agricultural talents and common interests of our members.

1. **Membership Responsibility**

DWET Garden Club members rent an individual plot(s) on a yearly basis, and it is their responsibility to properly care for and maintain it. Being a Club member also means attending quarterly meetings and participating in the maintenance and upkeep of the common areas of the Garden itself.

1. **Garden Plots**

All garden plots belong to the Del Webb eTOWN (DWET) HOA and are managed by the officers of the Garden Club. Plots are limited to one per household. A household is defined as a street address in DWET regardless of the number of club members that reside there. If there are extra plots available, a Garden Club member may request and pay for one additional plot but only one plot will be allowed to automatically renew each year. All garden plots are assigned by the Executive Committee of the Del Webb eTOWN Garden Club. When a plot is given up, it reverts back to the control of the Garden Club.

1. **Yearly Registration**

Households/gardeners are required to register for their plots on a yearly basis. When registering you will receive an updated version of the Del Webb eTOWN Garden Club Policies & Procedures. Current gardeners will be allowed to retain their plot upon renewal. Signed agreements are due by September 1st of each year with the annual fee.

1. **Annual Fees**

No Annual Dues will be charged to Club members who rent a garden plot.

In lieu of dues, gardeners will pay an annual garden plot rental fee to be determined on an annual basis by the membership at the monthly meeting in June of each year. Currently the rental fees are: $50 for a1x4x8 and $65 for a 2x4x8. Fee is for one year rental starting October 1 of each year. A member renting after April 1 will pay one half of a year’s fee.

Club members who do not wish to rent a garden will pay an annual fee of $25.

1. **Security CODE: TBD**

A keypad lock secures the storage locker containing tools. Access to the tool locker is for Garden Club members only. DO NOT SHARE THE CODE to the keypad. The combination is subject to change and members will be notified by e-mail of the new code.

The Del Webb eTOWN Community Garden is open for all residents to visit. Only gardeners renting plots have the rights to the beds and the plants within the bed.

1. **Tool Locker**

The tool locker contains tools for the use of all the members as well as carts, fertilizer, and gardening information. WASH off all tools and return to their proper place in the tool locker after use. Please do not remove tools from the garden area.

1. **Irrigation**

All of the plots have irrigation systems. There are hose bibs and hoses in the garden area itself. Please do not move the hose box (es) or hose(s) from their locations. Always drain the nozzle and the hose and be sure the faucet is turned completely off. If you notice wet areas or flooding around your plot, please contact one of the Club officers.

1. **Weeds and Pest Control**

Garden plots are to be maintained on a continual basis. We encourage organic gardening, based on building a healthy soil through composting and we discourage the use of toxic chemicals**.** Garden products are limited to fertilizers, including 10-10-10, Vigoro and soluble 15-30-15 (Miracle –Gro) and pest control products rated caution such as Sevin or Roundup. More info on this can be found on the UFL website. More dangerous products rated “Warning or Danger” and systemic pesticides of any type are not allowed. For your safety and the safety of others, do not spray on a windy day. When you see a weed, pull it!

1. **Composting**

We encourage the use of compost to keep soil fertile. Please pull weeds before they go to seed and spread to other gardens. Each gardener is responsible for removing weeds and putting them in the community compost area if/when available.

1. **Garden Debris and Solid Waste Removal (Trash)**

The garden produces a lot of trash, especially at the beginning and the end of each season. Each gardener is responsible for his/her trash (both garden debris and solid waste).

1. **Garden Plot Maintenance**

It is the responsibility of each member to maintain the look of his/her plot whether it is planted or not. This means neat, well planted and/or weed free. If a member cannot do this, it is his/her responsibility to have someone do it for them. If you need help with this, please contact one of the officers.

1. **Good Neighbor Guidelines**

Be considerate of your fellow gardeners. Do not plant tall or sprawling crops which will shade or crowd your neighbor’s garden. Harvest only from your plot. Keep your plot and the surrounding pathways open, clean, neat and free from weeds. All gardeners are responsible for keeping the common areas of the garden looking good.

**REMINDERS**

* NO PETS allowed in the garden beds.
* Pets on a leash are allowed in the common areas.
* Guests and visitors may enter the garden only if accompanied by a club member.
* Tool locker code is not to be given out to any non-member.
* NO SMOKING in the garden.
* Return all tables, chairs, hose reels, and hoses to their original location.
* Pick up all trash and debris.
* Turn off all water, lights and fans when you leave. Drain the nozzle and hose.
* Respect your fellow gardeners.

**EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION**

If you notice any damage to the facilities, vandalism or theft please notify a Club Officer or management of Del Webb eTOWN. If you notice wet areas and /or flooding in the garden, please notify a Club Officer.

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