



Introduction

The Dania Beach PATCH, located at 1201 W. Dania Beach Boulevard, is an urban farm and market created to provide local access to healthy foods and horticulture. Aptly named PATCH, which stands for *People's Access to Community Horticulture*, the PATCH provides volunteer opportunities, education, and demonstrations related to healthy eating and agriculture as well as a weekly market.

This year, the PATCH will launch its Community Garden which provides the opportunity for residents to grow their own healthy produce. The PATCH Community Garden provides plots for lease within a fully fenced and secured area which includes irrigation, free workshops and plenty of neighborly interactions both within the Garden and as part of specially planned events in conjunction with the Market. The PATCH Community Garden plots shall be “organically” grown in accordance with PATCH policies. Training will be provided at the beginning of each grow season. The PATCH Community Garden uses Jackpot Grow Bags, each garden plot contains six (6) - 15 gallon grow bags. There are also a limited number of larger plots (12 grow bags). All plots with grow bags are raised on platforms and ADA accessible.

Garden Permits

There are three grow waves or “seasons” within the year. Garden permits may be purchased either seasonally or annually based upon the below grow season schedule:

Fall/Spring: September – April
Summer: May - August

<i>Small Plot Permit (6 bags):</i>	<i>\$15.00</i>
<i>Large Plot Permit (12 bags):</i>	<i>\$30.00</i>
Refundable Deposit	\$25.00

Please note: Seasonal and Annual Plot Permits are the same price, however a Seasonal Permit will not require maintenance of the plot during the Summer grow season (please see rules and regulations).

PATCH Community Garden

Operating Rules and Regulations

I. Garden Permits

- a. Garden Permits for the Dania Beach PATCH Community Garden ("DB PATCH") shall be issued by the Dania Beach CRA via PATCH staff for use of individual Garden Plots for a seasonal or annual planting season. Permits shall be issued upon the completion of a registration application and payment of all fees at time of application.
- b. All Garden Permit holders shall pay, together with their registration application, a security deposit, which shall be refunded after the close of the Garden Season, if the registrant's Garden Plot is cleared of all plant material and debris, and all issued keys are returned. The 2016 Garden Season Deposit shall be \$25.

II. Planting Season & Hours

- a. Garden Season:

<i>Fall/Spring:</i>	September – April <i>(Seasonal plots will need to have all plant material removed and keys returned by May 31 to receive a return of deposit)</i>
<i>Summer:</i>	May – August
- b. Garden operating hours shall be 8:00 a.m. to dusk, 7 days per week
- c. All Gardeners are required to provide 3 documented volunteer hours per grow season either at the Farm or Community Garden.

III. Garden Plots

The Dania Beach PATCH uses Jackpot Gro-Bags when growing all produce in the Garden.

- a. Garden Plots consist of 6 (15 gallon) bags; or 12 (15 gallon) bag,
- b. Garden Plots shall be assigned on a first come first serve basis or random lottery depending on the number of applications. The CRA will maintain a waitlist in order of receipt should an applicant not receive a garden plot under its initial application.
- c. Plots are to be weeded and planted within two (2) weeks of the opening of the Garden or plot assignment, whichever comes later. Plots are to be maintained for the entire season by the individual Gardeners.
- d. Gardeners shall ensure plots remain free of trash, dead plants and trellises. Gardeners shall notify, in writing, DB PATCH Management Team of any inability to maintain a Plot.

IV. Garden Conduct & Etiquette

- a. All Gardeners must maintain good conduct and civil behavior at all times.
- b. Children are welcome and encouraged in the Garden, with parental supervision. Anyone under 18 wishing to secure a garden plan shall require written parental permission to garden. No one under the age of 13 shall be unaccompanied in the Garden.
- c. No dogs, cats, or other animals shall be allowed in the Garden.
- d. Smoking is prohibited in or near the Garden.
- e. All trash shall be placed in an appropriate receptacle located on site. Gardeners are expected to clean up under and around garden plots before leaving.
- f. Please only contribute organic materials to the compost pile on site.
- g. Gardeners and visitors should not touch or place anything on another Gardener's Plot. This includes all areas underneath the plot platform. Gardening benches and a cart are provided for your use.

V. Plants & Tools

- a. To ensure that the Garden remains organic, all soil, pesticides, and mulch shall be pre-approved by the DB PATCH Management Team. The DB PATCH may also provide these materials for a nominal fee.
- b. Only plants or seeds approved by the DB PATCH Management shall be permitted. There is space on the application to list plants that you have under consideration. DB PATCH Management will have organic seedlings for sale at reduced cost for use in the Community Garden section of the farm.
- c. Basic plant supports, like basic tomato cages and stakes, are perfectly acceptable so long as they do not affect a neighboring plot.
- d. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to use mulch to conserve water and reduce weeds.
- e. The PATCH will make available tools and equipment for use in the community garden; however they should not be removed from the DB PATCH and should be stored in the shed after each use. Gardeners may store personal tools, equipment and materials under the plot platform within plastic bins or containers, but the Dania Beach CRA and PATCH personnel do not provide security for such items which may be stored at your own risk.

- f. The Garden gates must remain locked at all times; all borrowed tools and equipment returned to their respective places; and water must be turned off and hoses stored.

VI. Grievances

a. Gardeners should direct all grievances to the DB PATCH Management Team or the Dania Beach CRA Executive Director. Violation of the above Operating Rules and Regulations may result in action, up to and possibly including revocation of the Garden Permit and forfeiture of plants and supplies within the individual's Garden Plot.

VII. Contact Information:

Dania Beach PATCH MANAGEMENT

Community Garden Manager:	Leon Carroll	leonjc@comcast.com 954-615-7338
Gardener/Farmer:	Robert Gardella	Robert@eno-cg.com 954-629-8619
Management:	Dion Taylor	Dion@eno-cg.com 772-240-9553



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT LEASE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ Would you be interested in being on a PATCH Committee Yes No

Garden Helpers (co-applicants)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(All persons working on your plot must be registered. Failure to register could result in loss of plot, the security deposit, or both.)

Type of plot requested: _____ 6- 15 gallon bag _____ 12- 15 gallon bags

Preferred times for meetings/workshops: Days: _____ Times: _____

DB PATCH Management Team will make every effort to accommodate all gardeners. Please indicate your preferred method of communication: Email Telephone

Would you be interested in any of the following workshops: ___Healthy Meals ___Enriching Soil ___Growing Vegetables ___Pest Management ___Other _____

Produce/plants to be planted: _____

Fee Included: 25.00 deposit + 15.00 seasonal (\$30 for 12 bag plot) _____

25.00 deposit + 30.00 annual (\$55.00 for 12 bag plot) _____

Checks Only – must add \$25.00 refundable to total fee. Make checks payable to Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency

I have read the "Operating Rules and Regulations" and fully understand them.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Seasonal only

Assigned Plot #: _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____