



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 is proud to continue access to the Community Garden which provides the opportunity for residents to grow 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 special 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 growing season. The PATCH Community Garden uses Jackpot Grow Bags; each garden plot contains ten (10) - 15 gallons grow bags. All plots with grow bags on platforms and ADA accessible.

Garden Permits

There are three grow waves or “seasons” within the year. Garden permits are purchased on an annual basis.

Plot Permit (10 bags): Dania Beach Resident	\$35.00
Plot Permit (10 bags): Non-resident	\$45.00
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Refundable Deposit	\$25.00

**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 2021-22 Garden Season Deposit shall be \$25.

## II. Planting Season & Hours

- a. Garden Season:
  - Fall/Spring: September – April – you should clean out your plot at the end of your growing season. We will provide material for you to cover your table should you choose not to plant during the summer months.
  - Summer: May-August
- b. Garden operating hours shall be 8:00 a.m. to dusk, seven days per week
- c. All Gardeners are required to provide three documented volunteer hours per growing 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 Community Garden.

- a. Garden Plots consist of 10 (15 gallons) bags,
- 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. City of Dania Beach residents will have preference on the waiting list if necessary.
- d. 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.
- e. Members who choose to stop growing during the summer months must inform a PATCH team member and remove all plant material from the bags. The table should be covered with weed barrier cloth (provided by PATCH staff) for the summer. The weed barrier cover is stored in a marked container in the community garden area and should be returned when removed for the growing season.
- f. Gardeners shall ensure plots remain free of trash, dead plants and trellises. This includes the ground cover under the table. Gardeners shall notify, in writing, DB PATCH Management Team of any inability to maintain a Plot.

- g. Gardeners who are not maintaining plots will receive a phone call or an email. You will be provided a two week period to tend to your table. If you do not contact the Community Garden Manager or clean the area within 10 days, you will forfeit the table and you deposit will not be returned.
- h. There is a general watering mister that reaches all tables and on a timer. There is also a hose sprayer available for use by community garden members. You are responsible to keep your plants watered, especially during dry/windy periods when the water system might not be effective. Please be mindful and turn off the hose when finished using it.
- i. **Please let us know if you decide not to renew your space thirty days prior to the expiration date.** You must remove all plants and weeds from the bags if you expect to have the deposit returned.

#### 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 the 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, tools and a cart are provided for your use. Please return to the appropriate container when finished gardening for the day.
- h. Please place your name on your table.

#### V. Plants & Tools

- a. To ensure that the Garden remains organic, all soil, pesticides, and mulch shall be preapproved 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 for use in the Community Garden section of the farm. Please note: The Community Garden is designed to grow food. Ornamentals, unless edible should not be placed in the bags. Trees should not be grown in the bags.

- 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 always remain locked; 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

Lead Farm Coordinator:	Leon Carroll	<a href="mailto:lcarroll@daniabeachfl.gov">lcarroll@daniabeachfl.gov</a> 954-615-7338
Farm Coordinator:	Amado Diaz	<a href="mailto:adiaz@daniabeachfl.gov">adiaz@daniabeachfl.gov</a>



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT LEASE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Name:

Address:

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Phone:

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No

Email:

Cell:

Garden Helpers (co-applicants)

Would you be interested in being on a PATCH Committee

Yes

Name:

Phone:

Name:

Phone:

(All persons working on your plot must be registered. A "Hold Harmless" Agreement must be signed and on-file for all registrants. Failure to complete all registration documents could result in loss of plot, the security deposit, or both.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 - 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's  
25.00 deposit  
35.00 DB Resident annual fee  
45.00 non-resident annual fee

IF paying by check: payable to Dania Beach Community Redevelopment Agency

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Assigned Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_