**MCA GARDEN GUIDELINES**

1. *The garden is managed by a Steering Committee of interested Montgomery Community Association volunteers elected annually in the fall by garden members. The Steering Committee is under the auspices of the Montgomery Community Association.*
2. *All garden members will be expected to contribute to the development and ongoing success of the garden. Decisions regarding the garden will be based on a consensus of the gardening group whenever possible, coordinated by the steering committee, if necessary, conflicts will be resolved by the Steering Committee.*
3. *Garden members are expected to commit a****bare minimum of 1 work party per month****as a registered garden member. As well as on going throughout the summer either on your own schedule or with others that are scheduled.*
4. *New gardeners are encouraged to consult with experienced gardeners before undertaking projects such as planting, pruning, weeding.*
5. *From time to time experienced gardeners will be on site to work with new gardeners.*
6. *Each gardener will sign a garden agreement at the beginning of the garden year and are required to have a current Montgomery Community Association membership.*
7. *The garden will be organic. The use of pesticides/herbicides is not permitted.*
8. *Gardeners will compost garden materials and maintain the compost bin(s). Only plant material from the garden is to be added to compost bins.*
9. *Gardeners will strive to use water wisely. A watering schedule will be developed.*
10. *A Communication Book on site will keep gardeners updated on what is happening in the garden and what needs to be done.****Gardeners will identify all hours worked and jobs done in the Garden Logbook.***
11. *Harvesting will occur as each crop becomes ready. Scheduled times for harvesting will be communicated by email and on the whiteboard in the shed. All harvested produce is to be recorded in the Garden Logbook. Produce from the garden will be shared by gardeners. Extra produce may be donated to non-profit organizations as agreed to by the Steering Committee.*
12. *All gardeners will have access to tools and equipment.*
13. *The garden will contribute to the beautification and vitality of the community of Montgomery.*