UR Community Garden Guidelines 2014:

Dear Gardeners,

In order to promote our commitment to sustainability – and grow some great vegetables – the University has created a community garden adjacent to the Country Club of Virginia golf course. The garden will open for 2014 on March 21 (weather dependent) and close at the end of October.

Some important details and guidelines:

• The entire garden will be tilled by the university prior to the opening date.

• Each personal plot will be approximately 15' x 10'. You will be assigned a plot.

• Participants will be expected to provide their own tools, seeds and plant material. Tools may be stored in the bins provided in the garden – tools are left at your own risk.

• The goal of the garden is to have an organic garden. Only organic fertilizers can be used. Pesticides are prohibited. Please check with your local garden store, attend an Organic Gardening workshop (classes will be offered through SCS and employees may be eligible for tuition remission), or talk with neighboring gardeners for organic means of dealing with garden problems.

• Compost and hay are provided courtesy of facilities.

• Participants will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their personal plot as well as contributions to the general upkeep of the entire garden. (Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding and watering their own plots.)

Your plot needs to be cultivated by May 5th out of the respect for other gardeners. Plots that appear to be abandoned and full of weeds will be subject to reassignment. Gardens will be checked regularly throughout the season. Please remember that by accepting a plot, you agree to maintain it through the entire season. (If assigned plot becomes unkempt, gardeners will be given one week’s notice to clean up. At that time, it will be re-assigned or tilled in.)
• Each plot will have access to water and employees will be responsible for watering their individual plot. There will be three water faucets in the garden. Please make sure that the hose is neatly put away at the end of your day in the garden. Please also make sure that hoses do not disturb other plots.

• Garden waste can be composted in the bins at the end of the garden.

• Crops should be harvested once they are mature. If you do not feel that you can use everything, please share with fellow employees who could use extra vegetables or make donations to the VA food bank.

Visit your garden plot often and get to know your fellow community gardeners. Find ways to pitch in to help and to work together as a team to maintain your site as well as your fellow community garden. Examples: help with watering, weeding, sharing of vegetables and gardening knowledge.

• Access to the garden will be restricted to university employees and their families. Please close the gate at the end of your visit to prevent wildlife from having access to the garden.

• Participants will have access to the garden seven days a week during daylight hours.

• The closest parking area is in the C-Pine Lot, between Gateway Road and Richmond Hall, an estimated 5-minute walk from the garden.

• The twenty-six slots will be assigned through a lottery for summer 2014.

• End of season clean up. When the garden closes for the season please remove plants and any items put in the garden.

Thank you for participating in the UR Community Garden Project. We hope everyone has a wonderful growing season!