

• PLAY SAFELY: GARDENING SAFETY SHEET •

*Gardeners must read and understand this document prior to leasing a Garden Box online.
Frisco residents and organizations may lease Garden Boxes at [PlayFrisco.org/TheHarvest](https://www.playfrisco.org/theharvest).*

BEFORE GARDENING

- Check the weather and dress accordingly.
- Do not plan to garden outdoors during inclement / dangerous weather conditions.
- Protect yourself from the sun with sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses.
- Gardening gloves, long pants, closed toe shoes and bug repellent are recommended.
- Don't garden alone; use the "buddy system" to maximize safety, especially on very hot days.
- Bring your own supply of drinking water and stay hydrated. Self-monitor for signs of heat stress.
- Provide adequate supervision for all participants (adult supervision is required for minors).
- You may bring family members or friends to garden with you, but as a garden box leaseholder, please remember that you are responsible for the activities, behavior, and safety of anyone you invite to the garden if they were not part of the Garden Box Lease Agreement you signed.

WHILE GARDENING

- The Harvest at Frisco Commons is a natural environment. Bee stings, insect bites and contact with poison ivy is possible. If you are allergic, come to the garden prepared with medicines you may need.
- The Harvest at Frisco Commons is an organic gardening space. Do not apply any synthetic chemicals (i.e. chemical fertilizers, herbicides, or insecticides) to your garden box or any other area in the garden.
- Do not perform activities (i.e. lifting of heavy objects) that are outside of your own physical limitations.
- Be aware of your surroundings and potential hazards. Do not leave any items in the middle of walkways, as they can block ingress/egress and become a trip hazard.
- Never leave sharp items (i.e. soil knives) or penetrating items (i.e. rakes, hand cultivators) in a location where they could harm someone or be stepped on.
- If you are using a hose and need to stretch it across an area where people walk, make sure that others working around you aware, so they do not trip and fall.
- Do not pick up any hazardous materials such as hypodermic needles, sharp objects, old car batteries, animal carcasses, or any other questionable object if discovered. Notify the City of Frisco so staff may address these items. Email ParksIncidentReporting@FriscoTexas.gov, including photos when possible.

AFTER GARDENING

- Wash hands thoroughly after gardening, especially before eating.
- Make sure all gardening tools you brought with you leave the garden with you, too! Do not leave any tools behind, especially in locations where they could become a safety or trip hazard.
- Leave no trace. Make sure to collect all trash and dispose of it safely in trash cans. This will help keep pets and wildlife safe from ingesting litter.
- Please report any maintenance or pest issues (i.e. water leaks, broken irrigation, vandalism, ant piles, wasp nests, etc) to the City of Frisco as soon as possible. Gardeners should email ParksIncidentReporting@FriscoTexas.gov, including photos when possible.