

## Jackson County Department of Public Health

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Cullowhee Community Garden Calls for Volunteers

The Cullowhee Community Garden is under the direction of the Jackson County Department of Public Health and aims to increase access to fresh produce. The garden donates half of all vegetables grown to local community organizations, including United Christian Ministries and the Community Table.

As summertime approaches and the growing season continues, there is a need for volunteers. Volunteers often assist with clearing garden paths, weeding current plot perimeters, and planting. Volunteering with the community garden is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and learn more on organic gardening!

In addition to searching for volunteers, the garden needs assistance with fencing around the garden's perimeter. The garden will supply materials; however, we need assistance building and stacking fencing.

The Cullowhee Community Garden hosts garden workdays every Wednesday from 11 am to 5pm and every Saturday from 8am to 12pm. Volunteers can register through the garden's volunteer form at <u>http://health.jacksonnc.org/cullowhee-community-garden</u>.

The garden is located on at 65 South Painter Road in Cullowhee.

Please email David Claxton at <u>gardenmanager@jacksonnc.org</u> for additional information on volunteering, touring the garden, or our current fencing project.

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