

## Farm-A Lot Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

	Question	Answer
1	How to obtain a Federal Tax ID Number for a registered business related to urban agriculture?	If an individual does not have access to a computer or laptop, they can seek services to complete this via phone. Here is a link for further assistance: <a href="#">Federal Tax ID Application</a> Also, contact Chatham technical assistance.
2	Details on liability insurance and what types of insurance are acceptable to URA.	We do not recommend any specific insurance companies. Please contact Lindsay Jupin with any additional questions at <a href="mailto:ljupin@ura.org">ljupin@ura.org</a>
3	Taxes owed to Allegheny County if selling produce as part of a business.	The city does not check outstanding county taxes, only City taxes. For information on taxes owed to Allegheny County when selling produce as part of a business, please visit <a href="#">Allegheny County Health Department's website</a>  <a href="https://pittsburghpa.gov/finance/new-bus-reg">https://pittsburghpa.gov/finance/new-bus-reg</a>
4	Tree Canopy FAQ	<a href="https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/forestry-fags">https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/forestry-fags</a>
5	License and permits	To apply, pay for, and receive business licenses and permits, upload development plans, and track violation notices see:  <a href="https://onestoppgh.pittsburghpa.gov/pghprod/webui/">https://onestoppgh.pittsburghpa.gov/pghprod/webui/</a>
6	Pesticide Use	<a href="https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/health-safety/pesticide-programs/PesticidePR/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/health-safety/pesticide-programs/PesticidePR/Pages/default.aspx</a> PASA is providing more details.
7	Invasive species planting	Refer to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources list of invasive plants. All invasive plants should be cleared out.
8	Structures	Most structures will require zoning approval. Please note additional City of Pittsburgh information here: <a href="https://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/not-requiring-permit">https://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/not-requiring-permit</a>  Apply online for zoning approval or chat with a representative here:

		<p>Onestoppgh.pittsburghpa.gov</p> <p>For structures such as sheds or hoop houses, it is important to consider zoning regulations regarding setback requirements.</p>
9	Fencing	<p>Fences over 4 ft require zoning approval. Fences over 6 ft require a building permit.</p> <p>Please note additional City of Pittsburgh information here:  <a href="https://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/not-requiring-permit">https://pittsburghpa.gov/pli/not-requiring-permit</a></p> <p>Zoning regulations may dictate the specifications for fencing. For example, chain link fences should be 8 ft tall according to zoning regulations (925.06A), and solid fences exceeding 4 ft may have specific setback requirements.</p>
10	Animals on site	<p>Bees are allowed, but chickens or goats are not permitted.</p>
11	Payment responsibilities for leasing property from URA	<p>Lessees will be responsible for utility costs including water and electricity, and real property tax status and satisfaction throughout the lease term. Payments should be made to URA of Pittsburgh.</p>
12	Water Access/Use	<p>Contact PWSA (Pittsburgh Water and Sewage Authority) for information regarding water access and use, particularly for community gardens.  <a href="https://www.pgh2o.com/residential-commercial-customers/service-changes/water-community-gardens-program">https://www.pgh2o.com/residential-commercial-customers/service-changes/water-community-gardens-program</a></p>
13	What happens when someone is not a proper steward of the land?	<p>Refer to Farm-a-lot site evaluation criteria for guidelines.  *Add link once finalized*</p>
14	Program Cap	<p>The program has a cap of 25 lots.</p>
15	Payment responsibilities of the applicants	<p>Applicant(s) leasing property from the URA will be responsible for payment of the following costs throughout the course of the lease term:</p> <p>1. Utility costs, including water and electricity</p>

		<p>2.Real property tax status and lease agreement satisfaction</p> <p>Please make a check or a money order out to URA of Pittsburgh and mail to:</p> <p>URA/Dollar Bank Lockbox</p> <p>P.O. Box 3465 Pittsburgh, PA 1523</p>
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