



Community Vegetable Garden Application & Agreement

Individual Garden

- I understand I am responsible for my garden(s), unless it is reassigned.
- I will not modify size/dimensions of garden assigned to me. Plot size is approximately 4x 8 or 4 x 4.
- I understand garden limits below and will not take over someone's garden without permission from staff.
 - One garden per household
- I understand I am responsible for preparing my garden, which may or may not involve tilling my plot.
- I will remove debris, weed and plant my garden by **June 26** (dependent of course on date of last frost).
- I agree to use only organic gardening methods and will not use **chemical fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides.**
- I agree if I am away for an extended period of time, I will make arrangements with someone to care for my plot.
- I will notify the town staff if I am unable to harvest or care for my plot(s).
- I will not shade neighboring gardens.
- I will not harvest produce from other gardens
- I agree if I receive a notice for my garden being unkempt or weedy, I will address and resolve the issue within one week or my garden will be reassigned. If I receive 3 garden notices in one gardening season my plot will automatically be reassigned.
- I will prepare my garden for winter by the last work day as designated by town staff, including removal of diseased plants to discourage the spread of plant diseases and pests.
- I will place dead plant material in the designated areas, containers, or trucks.

- I will keep trash and litter picked up in my plot(s) and adjacent areas, and deposit in proper receptacles. No organic matter in trash, and no trash in compost.

- I understand if I give up a plot(s), then ask for a plot(s) later, I will be placed on a *first come/first served* waiting list if a plot is not available.

- I understand plots are non-transferable.

Common Area

- I will not use tools that are clearly marked with a name without obtaining the consent of that gardener. Please clearly mark tools you do not wish to share. Town staff is not responsible for any lost or missing tools.

- I will share woodchips, water, and other garden materials fairly.

- I will not take community tools or garden materials (woodchips) out of the garden for personal use or use in excess.

- I will care for and respect community tools by cleaning and returning them to the designated community storage area. Please turn wheelbarrows upside down to prevent water from pooling.

- I will not obstruct walkways with fencing, unwound hoses, and plants, including vines.

Community Principles

- I will help keep the garden site looking respectable.

- I will use appropriate language and exhibit respectful behavior towards staff, gardeners & visitors.

- I will notify town staff of vandalism, theft, inappropriate behavior, or other questions or concerns.

- I will harvest my garden and only my garden unless asked by another gardener for help.

- I will keep pets outside of the garden area and leashed as per city ordinance.

- I will be responsible for guests and/or children at the community gardens.

- I understand I cannot use my garden for commercial activity.

- There is no smoking in the community gardens.

- Please note: The garden will be open May-November 9am- 9 pm

Definitions

- **Unkempt:** This can be, but is not limited to, weeds taking over my plot(s) or pathways, untended paths, debris not removed from my plot(s), rotting produce, etc. that create a gardening problem, nuisance or liability.
- **Weeds:** Any plants not purposely planted or desired by the plot’s gardener, and that is not a vegetable, fruit, flower, decorative plant, or wildlife support plant. Examples of weeds are thistles, dandelions, plantain, or any type of grass not planted or desired by the gardener of a particular plot.
- **Organic:** Materials derived from 100 percent, all-natural sources which do **not** contain synthetic chemicals.

By signing this agreement you agree to the terms and conditions of the Bay Roberts Community Vegetable Garden and its committee Bay Roberts Communities in Bloom. You also agree to pay the annual \$10.00 maintenance fee for your garden.

Signature of individual family member

Date

Contact # and e-mail address

Garden Sizes

4 x 4 _____

4 x 8 _____

Both garden sizes annual fee is \$20.00