

# CONCORD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

1. Community Garden plots are open to Concord residents first. Each gardener will be allocated a 10x10, 10x20 or 20x20 plot. Plots will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Gardeners will be given the option of retaining the same plot from year to year.
2. The annual fee for a garden plot is:
  - a. Security deposit - \$75 (on all plots)
  - b. 10x10 or 10x20 plot - \$25
  - c. Raised Bed - \$25
  - d. 20x20 - \$35
3. Each 20x20 plot is part of a larger 40x40 section. Each 10x10 OR 10x20 plot is part of a larger 20x40 section. Each section has 4 plots so there will be two common sides with the adjacent plots.
4. You can select between an organic only plot or a non-organic plot. In the organic only plots, ONLY ORGANIC pesticides and insecticides will be permitted.
5. There are water spigots by each section. Some hoses may be available, but you may want to provide your own hose and nozzle.
6. The Gardening season is defined as the period from April 1 through October 31.
7. Access to the community garden is available from dawn to dusk, seven days a week during the gardening season.
8. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot during the gardening season. This includes watering, weeding and harvesting. It is also the responsibility of the gardeners to keep the walkways surrounding their plot clear and free of trash, plant materials and supplies. At the very least you should plan to spend two hours a week maintaining your garden.
9. Plots must be fully planted. For example, three tomato plants in a 10x10 is not considered a fully planted plot.
10. During the gardening season, if any plot becomes unkempt through neglect (i.e. plot is full of weeds) the Gardner will be given a notice to clean it up. If the clean-up does not occur within 7 days of notification, the Township will clean the plot and the security deposit will be forfeited.

11. At the end of the gardening season, around October 31, gardeners must remove any tomato cages, stakes, decorations, landscape fabric etc. from their plot so that Concord Township Service Department has access to the entire garden, and can access any plot with tilling equipment. **Any items left in the garden after October 31, including all interior fencing, will be removed by the Township and your security deposit may be forfeited.**
12. Gardeners must provide their own gardening tools. Tools or supplies are the sole responsibility of the gardener, and any tools and supplies left unattended at the garden site are left at the gardener's own risk.
13. Gardeners may keep personal tools in the community garden shed at their own risk. Concord Township is not responsible for personal tools and equipment, lost or stolen items, or any item stored in the shed.
14. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
15. Cars must be parked in parking spaces only. The asphalt path adjacent to the garden is for pedestrian traffic only. You may be ticketed by a Metro Parks Ranger for driving/parking on the path.
16. No automatic sprinklers are permitted in the garden.
17. No drugs or alcohol are permitted in the garden.
18. No pets are permitted in the garden.
19. Gardeners should give consideration to others by planting tall crops at the south end of their plot, or a better location where they will have the least impact on neighboring gardeners.
20. Keep all plants within your plot boundaries.
21. If plot lessee's do not abide by Community Garden policies, he/she may forfeit rights to the plot.
22. Plots will be assigned only after we receive the completed application and the plot fee (cash, check, money orders or credit card).
23. If rules are followed, gardeners will receive a refund of their security deposit in the form of a check. It will be mailed to the address on the garden plot application form.
24. If the refund check is not cashed within 180 days from the date issued, the check will become stale dated and funds are forfeited back to Concord Township.