



Community Garden Rules

The following rules have been adopted by the Parks and Recreation Commission in order to ensure a balance of respect the garden participants and for the neighbors that live in the vicinity of the gardens.

1. Plots are made available on a first come, first served basis. Only one plot per family will be allowed, unless excess plots are available. Requests for additional plots must be made with the original plot request, but payment for the additional plot(s) will not be due until approved.
2. Children are welcome in the garden but an **adult** must supervise garden plots at all times.
3. After Friday, May 31st, the Recreation Coordinator will inspect plots on an on-going basis. If plots are not being used or are unkempt, the gardener assigned to the plot will be contacted and given 14-days to plant or improve the appearance of the plot. If no improvement occurs or nothing is planted, the plot will be reassigned on a first-come, first-served basis to the next person on the wait list. No refund will be given to the original gardener.
4. Gardeners are responsible for full compliance with all state and federal agriculture laws. Only pesticides approved by the CT DEP Pesticide Compliance Division may be used in your garden. If you are unsure about a product you want to use, contact DEP. No poisonous or illegal plants may be grown, and no weed killers or systemic insecticides may be used.
5. Trapping and relocating of any wildlife is prohibited on town property. Please do not set any traps or remove any wildlife from the garden.
6. No rocks, stones or bricks may be used in the garden. Please do not leave rocks or other large debris in the pathways or perimeter of the garden that the mowers will have to work around.
7. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed at the Community Gardens as they are on town property.
8. Produce grown may not be sold for profit at the Community Gardens.
9. No permanent fixtures (watering systems, etc.) and no sprinklers of any kind may be used on a garden plot. The plot renter, or an adult member of his or her family must be present when any watering is done. Irresponsible use (e.g. leaving faucets running, letting children play in it, etc.) will not be tolerated. Please do not leave water running unattended or on for extended periods of time.
10. Pets are not allowed in the garden.

11. No bicycles are allowed on garden walkways or plots.

Plot Clean Out at Season End

Plots must be cleared and cleaned out by 10/27/2024. Please view the list below of all items that must be removed from plots at the end of the season. Failure to comply with this provision will result in forfeiture of gardening privileges for the following year. **The Town of Canton is not responsible for taking your trash to the Town Transfer Station.**

- Bamboo or wooden stakes
- Fencing of any kind
- Plastic or fabric ground-coverings/weed barriers
- Plant supports (ex. wire tomato cages)
- Plant tags
- Gardening equipment and tools
- Nursery pots