

## MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY GARDEN 2018

### GARDEN RULES AND SIGN UP: START UP IS APRIL 21, 2018 AT THE FIRST CLEAN UP SESSION

1. Each gardener, each family member who works in the garden, and each friend who signs up to share a garden plot with another friend, shall:
  - a. Submit a completed and notarized Town of Middletown Community Gardens Hold Harmless Agreement and a signed acceptance of the garden rules
  - b. Submit a non-fundable fee of \$20 for each garden plot; checks are made out to the Friends of Middletown Public Library.
  - c. Help to maintain the entire garden by participating in a supervised group garden clean up at least 2 hours per month. Dates will be announced.
2. Each gardener or gardening family is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of his/her garden plot.
3. Gardeners may bring their own water or take water from the rain barrels on site for watering the garden plots. The Library does not provide access to its outside faucets.
4. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator, Theresa Coish, if he/she is not able to care for the assigned plot in any given week. If any garden plot remains unattended for three weeks, that garden plot is subject to re-assignment.
5. Gardeners ongoing responsibilities are: Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance; respecting other gardener's work and effort. It is strictly prohibited to take vegetables and flowers from another gardener's plot. A gardener may arrange for another community gardener, (not a family member or friend!) to water his/her plot. A gardener may share his/her harvest with other gardeners, however, without such an agreement in place, gardeners **may only harvest vegetables and flowers from their own plot.**
6. The application of non-organic fertilizers, herbicides (weed killers) or insecticides to the garden plots is prohibited.
7. Accessories such as fencing, trellises, hoops, or protection tents have to be approved before installation by the coordinator, Theresa Coish.
8. Weeds are to be kept to a minimum and not allowed to go to seed. Weeds and diseased plant material are placed in paper bags and removed from the garden. Every two weeks, the filled paper bags are put out to the curb for pickup by the gardeners. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.
9. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.
10. Pets are not allowed in the community garden.

Tools, watering cans, and some supplies are available in the locked shed. Gardeners should ask a master gardener or the coordinator, Theresa Coish, whenever they want access to the shed.

Dates to remember: The Master Gardener's schedule is every Saturday in May, June, and July, 10-12 noon; soil testing by URI MG Program on Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 10am-12noon at the garden.

Initial Tasks:

1. April 21, 2018: Clean and set up the rain barrels
2. Clean between and around the garden beds; weed whack
3. Maintain the black plastic compost bins and the 3 section wood compost bin
4. Prepare garden beds for planting; get a soil test completed by a master gardener

I understand all the rules and agree to follow them. I understand that a disregard of the rules will result in a loss of gardening privileges and that the fee is non-fundable.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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For administration use only:

Plot assigned \_\_\_\_\_