

**MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY GARDEN --GARDEN RULES**

1. Each gardener, each family member who works in the garden, and each friend who signs up to share a garden bed 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 bed; checks are made out to the Town of Middletown.
2. Each gardener or gardening family is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of his/her garden bed.
3. Gardeners may bring their own water or take water from the rain barrels on site for watering the garden beds. The Library does not provide access to its outside faucets.
4. Garden beds 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 bed in any given week. If any garden bed remains unattended for three weeks, that garden bed 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 bed. A gardener may arrange for another community gardener, (not a family member or friend!) to water his/her bed. 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 bed.
6. The application of non-organic fertilizers, herbicides (weed killers) or insecticides to the garden beds is prohibited.
7. Accessories such as fencing, trellises, hoops, or protection tents have to be approved by the coordinator, Theresa Coish, before installation.
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 by the gardeners for pickup. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their bed of all plant material and leaving the bed clean.
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.

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:

Bed assigned \_\_\_\_\_