



GARDENER'S HANDBOOK

Welcome!

The Town of Waterbury's Community Gardens are growing! With lots of plots available for all of the town's green thumbs, these gardens provide you the opportunity to create beauty, serenity, and abundance. Whether your interest lies in growing organic produce or creating beautiful landscapes, you are sure to enjoy the sunny and fertile spaces available.

Securing a Spot-

-Returning Gardeners-

You are welcome to use the same plot from last year or start on a new one. Registration will open March 7th with all the plots being assigned by April 7th. Please indicate the plot you would like. Note that if you are planning to leave plantings through the winter we need to have notification of that and it could affect where your plot will be.

-New Gardeners-

Please review the gardener's handbook, let us know if you have any questions, and complete the Community Garden's Registration form.

Work Days

This is what makes it a *Community Garden!* Like so many other associations around Vermont, our gardens bring folks together, tending to the land and helping each other. All gardeners are expected to participate in scheduled work days that will help maintain, beautify and protect our riverfront garden spaces. We will work together to weed, turn compost and perform other upkeep as needed. Attendance is taken on work days and each plot must be represented at two of the scheduled work days. If you are unable to attend, you must find a friend or family member to fill your place. Work days will be scheduled and posted by April 7.

Garden Operating Schedule

The gardens may be accessed (foot traffic only) & tended by registered users any time after snow melt. Through the growing season, the gardens will be open from dawn to dusk, every day. A final work day will be scheduled in Mid-October to close the gardens for the season.

Vehicle Access

Vehicles may access the North Gardens via the Municipal Building Parking Lot. Vehicles visiting the South Gardens must park in the designated lot off of Winooski Street. For delivery of materials or heavy loads, vehicles may temporarily use the utility path surrounding the South Gardens. No vehicles should be parked within Hope Cemetery.

Fees

We will utilize the usage fees to help defray the cost of providing this service to our residents and allow for upkeep and further growth of our Community Gardens.

20 x 20-foot plot= \$15/year (+ \$5/non-resident)

2x20 x 20-foot plot= \$25/year (+ \$10/no-resident)

Note- The above cost includes tilling of the Gardens. **PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL ONLY HAVE PLOTS N5 TO N11/12 OF THE NORTH GARDEN OPEN THIS YEAR. WE ARE WORKING ON A NEW MAP.**



Community Garden Guidelines-

We want to make sure everybody gets the most out of Vermont's precious growing season. Please review the following guidelines in order to help us provide the best gardening possible.

1. Maintain your plot within its confines, without plants encroaching into common areas or other plots. No plants or structures may be higher than 7 feet over soil level in plots. Beds may not be raised higher than 3 feet. Any structures build must be removed at the end of the season.
2. No altering of the dimensions of a plot or of the surrounding area.
3. Keep common areas and pathways clear.
4. Be civil and cooperative in regard to other gardeners, neighbors, and the public.
5. Organic Gardening only. No herbicides or pesticides may be used, except for organic-based materials, such as iron phosphate for snail and slug bait.
6. Be mindful of water usage. Gardens shall be managed for best practices in water conservation (e.g., time of watering and clustering like plantings in zones). Minimize water waste. Ornamental plantings should be targeted to drought-resistant species. Excessive use of provided water will result in increased fees.
7. All garden waste must be deposited in on-site compost piles. Plots must remain well-kept and free of decomposing produce. Rocks removed from your soil should be piled separately.
8. Anyone you wish to garden with you in your plot, at the time you sign this agreement, must also register and review these guidelines.
9. All garbage must be removed.
10. Plots cannot be transferred or given away by you to anyone else without consent from Waterbury Recreation.
11. All produce grown shall be for personal use/consumption only. If you are finding you have too much produce the Waterbury Recreation Department will assist you in giving the extra away to local charities.
12. Gardeners agree to respect the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood. Children and guests should also be instructed to refrain from walking on garden plots, or damaging or taking plants, or fruits thereof, that do not belong to them. Dogs are welcome, but must be on leash in order to prevent urination or defecation in other gardener's plots.
13. Any gas-powered machinery (tillers, blowers, etc.) may only be used only between 8am - 7pm to preserve the neighborhood's quiet.
14. If your plot appears inactive and unmaintained, the Recreation Department will contact you and give a 14-day period to perform the needed upkeep or resume active gardening. If the plot is not maintained after that period, it will be considered abandoned, cleared and reissued without refund.
15. The marking stake identifying your plot number must be plainly visible at all times.



North Gardens



South Gardens

