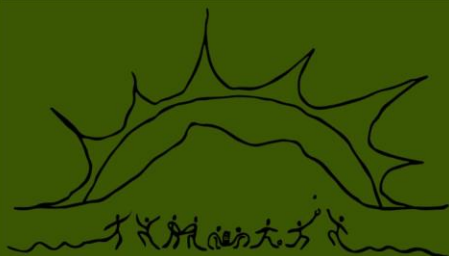


WATERBURY RECREATION

COMMUNITY GARDEN HANDBOOK



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COMMUNITY GARDENS



The Town of Waterbury is proud to offer the community accessible gardening spots for the growth of vegetables, fruits, and flowers! We offer gardens in one location: the North Gardens, located behind the town library. Though public, these plots require a simple application and small fee in order to maintain the soil, amenities/utilities, and surrounding areas. In order to be assigned a plot, you will need to submit both the application and fee prior to planting anything.

SECURING A PLOT

We have 26 spots of various sizes available for rent by the community. The North Gardens have been recently reconfigured to align spaces walking paths with the surrounding areas (library's word garden, wildflower pollinator effort, community food tree grant, and Children's Garden etc.). Returners will receive an email and have a set window of time to reclaim their same spaces as last year. After the renewal time period ends, new gardener registration opens with gardens being assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

10ft x 20ft: \$20 for Residents. \$30 Non-residents

20ft x 20ft: \$30 Residents, \$45 Non-Residents

20ft x 40ft: \$50 Residents, \$75 Non-Residents

You will need to fill out an application, regardless if you are a returner or not – the application is found online linked on the registration site.

Once you submit an application and it is approved, a statement will be generated for you and you will be able to pay via the online system with a credit card, or you may submit a check to the Town of Waterbury (ATTN: Recreation 28 N. Main St., Waterbury, Vt. 05676). An email will be sent to you regarding which plot you are assigned to for the season.



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Garden access and schedule

The gardens may be accessed by foot only with parking available at the library/municipal lot. No vehicles are permitted to drive next to or on the gardens. The community gardens operate from Memorial Day weekend till the end of October, with plots cleared by November 1st.

GUIDELINES FOR GARDENERS

In order to offer this amazing opportunity to our community members, you will need to abide by the following guidelines. Failure to follow the following guidelines could result in termination of rental and/or additional fees issued by the town.

- Maintain your plot within its confines, without plants encroaching into common areas or other plots. No plots or structures may be higher than 7ft over the soil level and beds may not exceed 3ft in height.
- No alteration of pre-set dimensions of garden plots or the surrounding areas.
- Keep common areas, parking spaces, and walking paths clear.
- Be civil and cooperative in regard to other gardeners, neighbors, and the general public.
- Organic gardening only (ie: no harmful pesticides or herbicides are to be used).
- Be mindful of water usage and hose – others might be waiting to use it. Additionally, please make sure to turn off the water fully when you are done.

- All garden waste must be deposited in on-site compost piles.
- All trash must be removed as there are not domestic trash receptacles on site.
- Plots may not be transferred without permission by the Town of Waterbury.
- Gardeners must respect the residential neighborhoods that both garden locations surround. Additionally, please ensure any children or guests do not walk or play in other gardener's plots.
- If your plot appears inactive and unmaintained, the recreation department will contact you and give you a 14-day grace period to perform the needed upkeep or resume gardening activity. If the plot is not maintained after that period, it will be considered abandoned, cleared, and reissued without refund.
- You must remove anything that can hurt the rototiller at the end of the season before winter. If you fail to do so, you will be charged a fee in addition to any fees occurred if the tiller is damaged in the spring.
- By gardening at the Town controlled sites, you are agreeing to release and discharge the Town of Waterbury, associated organizations its agents, employees, staff members, directors, and volunteers from any claims, responsibilities or liabilities for injuries or harm incurred as a result of my participation in this service. Additionally, the Town of Waterbury is not liable for any theft from community gardens and refunds will not be issued.