



2011 GROWING SEASON CONTRACT

Our garden is a place for growing and learning. We have set the following rules and policies so that everyone can enjoy the garden:

If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

General Policies and Procedures

1. Members will use the garden at the sole discretion of the community garden membership (Growing Greens Milford – “GGM”) guidelines, and hereby agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for community garden membership is \$10 per year and the plot fee is \$30 per year, which includes membership. This fee is due by May 7th. There are no refunds after June 1st.
3. I am responsible for keeping my plot and the paths and surrounding areas neat and clean. I will compost plant waste in the compost area provided and put trash in the trash bin. I am responsible for the care and condition of any common equipment I use including hoses, wheelbarrows, and the tool shed. Anything I bring from home I will take back home.
4. I will be respectful of other gardeners’ plants, plots, and property.
5. No pets allowed.
6. Guests and visitors of members, including children, may enter the garden area only when accompanied by the member, and must obey all GGM rules, terms, and conditions while on the garden premises. Members are responsible for the activities and behavior of guests, visitors, and children.
7. I am committed to maintaining the garden as a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

Garden Plot Design and Use

1. I will tend my plot well, promoting healthy soil and plants with responsible growing practices (outlined below). I will keep my plot and its borders free of weeds and disease.
2. Each plot is 15’ by 15’ in size. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot (specifically not growing into the walkways).
3. I will plant taller plants in the middle of my plot, where they will not cast shade on neighboring gardeners’ plots.
4. I will place any temporary structures (trellises, hoops, supports) at least one foot inside the plot edges and make them sturdy and strong.
5. If I create raised beds or edging for plots, I will remove all stone, wood, and other materials from the plot by the end of the season, October 31st.
6. I will not use any pressure treated lumber in the community garden.

Growing Practices

1. I will nourish the soil and care for my plants using only organic gardening methods, including:
 - a) I will improve the soil with cover crops, worms, organic fertilizers and pesticides, and other organic techniques.
 - b) I will not use synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers or any other synthetic materials in the community gardens.
 - c) I will use only acceptable mulches including straw, black plastic, or weed barrier mats, newspaper (not glossy, and covered with an organic mulch), seaweed, grass clippings (not chemically treated), and other organic mulches. Black plastic and weed barrier mats must be entirely removed from the property at the end of the season.
 - d) I will employ responsible, sustainable watering of my plot according to GGM guidelines.
2. Once I have been assigned a garden plot, I will plant it within two weeks.
3. I am responsible for the care of my plot. I will tend my plot regularly throughout the growing season (approximately June 1 to October 31), at least once weekly, at a minimum.
4. I will complete my final harvest and clean up by October 31. I will clear my plot of any structures, rocks, wood, etc.
5. I will attend community gardens informational meetings to the best of my ability

I have read and agree to the community gardens rules and regulations. I understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of plot fee and gardening privileges. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or my guests.

Signature & Date

Printed Name

Address

Phone Number

Please bring cash and completed contract to our weekly meeting.
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