



Lenox Community Garden: Things to Know



MISSION: Why join the Lenox Community Garden?

The mission of the Lenox Community Garden is to provide and share:

- A place for all people within our Town to gather and enjoy nature and gardening;
- A space for community members to grow their own fresh vegetables, herbs and flowers;
- Increased ecological awareness to all who use the garden;
- Promoting health and wellness in the community.
- Information and knowledge to empower local gardeners to create and maintain a successful garden while promoting sustainable practices

Garden Membership (What it Entails)

- 1) Garden plots and memberships are available to Lenox community members.
- 2) A member has applied for, been accepted, and paid the registration fee of \$10.00 to the Community Garden.
- 3) Each member is entitled to one (1) 4' X 8' raised bed.
- 4) All members must attend an orientation session, volunteer a minimum of six hours, and help with general garden chores through the season.
- 5) The member retains their garden plot until December 31st of each year. To retain their garden plot for the next growing season, a renewal application shall be submitted to the Community Garden.
- 6) If a renewal application is not received by January 15, the member has ceded their plot.
- 7) All members will have access to the community garden during daylight hours.



Garden Maintenance

- 1) It is the responsibility of each garden member to neatly maintain their own garden bed and surrounding space.
- 2) Gardeners shall prepare their bed no later than June 15th, and they are expected to cultivate and maintain the bed through the entirety of the growing season.
- 3) The use of organic materials is encouraged.
- 4) Weed killers shall not be used.
- 5) No climbing plants allowed in order to not block neighboring plots.
- 6) To reduce the need of non-organic herbicide or pesticide, please refrain from introducing invasive species to the community garden area, and consider planting aggressively spreading species in containers. A list of invasive species is available here: www.mass.gov/service-details/invasive-plants
- 7) Gardeners shall keep the aisles and paths surrounding their bed free and clean of weeds, trash and other materials to ensure safe, easy passage for themselves and other garden members.
- 8) Gardeners shall refrain from installing seasonal, holiday or other decorations not essential to cultivation.
- 9) Gardeners are asked to remove trash and debris from their plot and from the area around their plot when done for the day.
- 10) Compost is a welcome fertilizer in your garden, but please refrain from using fresh manure. Composted manure is ok.
- 11) Mulch is a welcome weed suppressant but please keep it contained in your garden plot. Hay is not acceptable because it may carry unwelcome seeds into the garden space.
- 12) End of season clean-up of their plot is the responsibility of each gardener. This includes removal of stakes, large plants, and any plastic items after the conclusion of cultivation. Gardeners retaining their plots through the next growing season are encouraged to consider winter cover or crops.

Garden Etiquette

- 1) Because the Community Garden shares space with a space for children and a town park, inappropriate language or behavior is prohibited in order to cultivate a friendly, safe and welcoming environment for all.
- 2) Because the garden is intended to be a family friendly space and activity, the planting hallucinogenic plants is prohibited.
- 3) Community garden hours of activity are between dawn and dusk.
- 4) Children must be supervised by an adult.
- 5) Pets are not allowed within the community garden area.
- 6) Gardeners may listen to their own audio entertainment quietly while working in their plot.
- 7) Gardeners shall not smoke cigarettes (including electronic cigarettes and vaporizers), use marijuana products, or drink alcoholic beverages on site.
- 8) Harvesting from plots other than your own is not allowed, unless you have permission from the plot's steward.
- 9) Water is to only be used for watering your garden.
- 10) Ripe produce shall be harvested in a timely manner.
- 11) If something is wrong with the water source, please contact the Garden Manager immediately.
- 12) Non-adherence to garden rules is cause for exclusion from the community garden and the rescindment of your garden plot. No refund will be given in this instance.

