

Merrimack Community Garden at Wasserman Park

2016 Gardeners' Agreement

Rules, Terms and Conditions for Participation:

1. Garden plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis each growing season with the following priority: (1) Previous year's gardeners; (2) Merrimack residents; and (3) non-residents.
2. It is highly recommended that all gardeners attend an education session. This education session will be held on March 1, 2016. The Garden Manager will begin to process applications on March 16, 2016. Previous year's gardeners must return their applications by April 13, 2016; new Merrimack resident gardeners must return their applications by May 4, 2016; and all non-resident gardeners must return their applications by May 18, 2016.
3. I will help cover yearly garden expenses. A \$10.00 donation for Merrimack, NH residents and a \$15.00 for non-residents shall be made for each requested plot. Checks should be made payable to **"Town of Merrimack"**.
4. I will have something planted in my garden plot by June 15th and keep it planted for the entire growing season. If I must abandon my garden plot for any reason, I will notify the Garden Manager that I have abandoned my garden plot. The plot will then be given back to the Community Garden.
5. I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my garden plot, if any. I will keep trash, litter and weed material out of the garden area, as well as from adjacent pathways. Any rocks that I excavate from the ground will be removed to a designated offsite area and not placed or piled in walkways or used as edging of my garden plot.
6. The following items are not permitted in any garden plots at any time: latex colored bark mulch (i.e., black, red or brown); colored newspaper (black and white print only); rubber matting; black soil/weed barrier cloth or synthetic products.
7. If my garden plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given 10 days' notice to clean up the plot. At the end of the 10 day period, the plot will be re-assigned or tilled in at the Garden Manager's discretion.
8. At the end of the growing season, I will participate in the group cleanup of the garden area and agree to volunteer time or talents toward community gardening efforts.
9. I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another garden plot owner.
10. I understand that there will be no use of fungicides, herbicides, insecticides or any pesticides at the community garden.
11. I will not bring pets into the garden area. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times when in the garden area.
12. The Merrimack Agricultural Commission and all community gardeners are tenants of Wasserman Park property. We have to completely respect all the no parking signs that skirt the garden edges. The parking areas are clearly marked. So that we may continue to use the Wasserman Park property, please respect all posted parking signs.
13. I will be considerate of my fellow gardeners. I will not plant crops that might interfere with or shade other garden plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot.

14. I will conserve water. Unattended watering is not permitted; hand watering only. I will notify the Garden Manager of any leaks in the water line and make sure all water faucets are off.
15. I will remove any foreign debris (plastic flowers, fencing, structures, tools, etc.) from the garden area prior to fall cleanup. If I fail to remove all foreign debris from my plot by the fall cleanup deadline, I will be assessed a \$50.00 clean up fee. _____ **(gardener's initials required).**
16. I will not bring household trash nor leave empty planting containers or labels at the garden.
17. I understand that neither the Merrimack Community Garden nor the Town of Merrimack, NH is responsible for my actions or those of my guests.
18. Garden operations must be conducted safely. I will follow Best Management Practices for Agriculture in New Hampshire.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE MERRIMACK COMMUNITY GARDEN, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION OR THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

I have read all the rules, terms and conditions of the Garden. I promise to follow them in good conscience. I understand that failure to abide by these rules could result in forfeiture of my assigned garden plot and any garden donations.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (required): _____ **Email (required):** _____

Are you a returning gardener? Yes No **Previous Plot #:** _____

Number of Plots Requested: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please mail your completed agreement to: Merrimack Agricultural Commission
 6 Baboosic Lake Road
 Merrimack, NH 03054
 Re: Community Garden

(FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION USE ONLY)

Received Date: _____ Plot Number(s) Assigned: _____

Receipt #: _____ Gardener Info: R NR New-R New-NR

Payment Info: _____