

Greenwich Community Garden: A Good Place to Grow

2017 Gardener's Guidelines:

As a member of the Greenwich Community Garden, you agree to the following procedures and responsibilities.

Overview

The garden is located next to St. Joseph's Church Rectory on Bleecker Street. Plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Individual plots will measure either 10' x 10' or 10' x 20', and they can be shared by more than one gardener. Saturday, May 13, 2017 is our official Opening Day for the 2017 season. This will be preceded by a "Get Ready Opening" (GRO) on Sunday, May 7 from noon to 2 p.m., when we'll have an opportunity to work together to prepare the garden plots for planting.

Process

- Complete an application, and pay the annual plot rental fee, which covers some of the garden operating expenses. The 2017 Rental Fee is \$12.50 for 10'x10' plot or \$25 for 10'x20' plot. Checks should be made out to **Comfort Food Community**, with a memo line "**Garden Fee.**" Mail the check and application to Comfort Food Community, PO Box 86, Greenwich, NY 12834. To request additional information, or if you need another application, call or email Susan Sanderson at susandsanderson2@gmail.com, 518-692-2742.
- Participate in community workdays – Sunday, May 7, 2017 from noon to 2:00pm and 2 hours in the fall (date to be announced).
- Share excess food with neighbors, food pantries, etc. Directions to donate to Greenwich Food Pantry will be available at the garden or from Devin Bulger.
- If a gardener finds they are unable to maintain a plot that they signed up for, that gardener is responsible for notifying Susan Sanderson, GCG 2017 Membership Coordinator, with a plan for resuming activity in the garden or giving it up for that season.

Gardening

- Maintain healthy soil and environment by practicing organic methods of using compost, mulch, and reducing tillage when possible.
- Maintain your garden and keep weeds to a minimum in order to avoid creating weed seeds that spread to other gardens, and to keep gardens attractive since we are located in a public space.
- Abide by the rule that non-organic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides are prohibited.
- Conserve water and remember to turn off the hoses.
- Control rapidly spreading perennials, such as mint and lemon balm by planting them only in pots. Perennials must be removed at the end of the growing season.
- Pick only crops from your own plot.
- Be considerate of your neighboring gardeners: avoid planting tall crops such as corn or sunflowers that block sunlight in adjacent beds.

- Keep the garden safe by putting tools away, etc.
- Keep trash and litter out of the garden and dispose of it properly.
- Place only healthy organic material in the compost pile. Diseased plants should be taken home and placed in the trash.
- At the end of the season, by the deadline designated by the Garden Steering Committee each season, clean and clear your garden plot by removing stakes, fences, and other infrastructure; removing plants and discarded vegetables, and rake to smooth the soil.
- No alcohol of any kind is allowed on the property.
- Please provide direct adult supervision of minors at all times.
- No pets are allowed in the garden.

****The Greenwich Community Garden and the Community Garden Steering Committee (see list below) are not responsible for gardeners' crops, for garden contents compromised by weather, animals, or other factors; or for injuries sustained by gardeners or guests working in the garden plots. Gardeners who have health risks related to physical activity or exposure to sunlight should check with their health providers before committing to lease a garden plot.

Thank you for being members of this community project. We always welcome your thoughts, concerns and ideas for good gardening, and we look forward to sharing this growing season with you!

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