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2020 Community Garden Rules & Regulations

Administered by the Bloomfield Township Community Gardens Committee

Anyone who signs a garden agreement is expected to comply with the rules and regulations so that all members can enjoy the benefits the garden offers.

Fence & Locks: Although we have not had problems with vandalism or thievery, it is important for all gardeners to ensure our garden and equipment is locked securely after you have exited so we reduce the possibility of such problems. Be mindful of locking the gate and shed after every visit. Gardeners will be given the confidential combinations for locks and are expected to not share it with non-members.

Organic Gardening: This is a poison-free organic garden. Non-organic fungicides, herbicides or fertilizers are not permitted in the garden. Illegal or invasive plants are not permitted.

Volunteering: All garden members must attend mandatory garden dates and must volunteer two (2) hours per month to help with general garden chores (mowing, weeding, maintaining a beautiful space.)

Tools: Gardeners are welcome to bring their own tools or use shed tools and materials so long as they clean off any dirt and return shed tools in the way they were found.

Composting: Composters are located on site. Compostable waste should be composted as instructed in the composting brochure. Gardeners are encouraged to bring compostable materials from home and turn compost bins weekly.

Water line: Make sure water is properly turned off by closing the handle down and turning the waterline off after every use.

Hoses: Please wrap hoses up after every use. Do not leave hoses knotted for the next person to untangle. The watering wands should be left draped on the water line.

Watering the beds: Unattended watering (i.e. walking away while watering) is not permitted. To efficiently and effectively use our scarce resource, water the beds at ground level (not the top of the plants). Unless you have permission, do not water other gardeners' beds.

Garden Absence: Each garden plot renter is responsible for maintaining his or her own plot. In the event of a family emergency, illness or injury, vacation, or other unforeseen circumstance, please reach out to the Community Garden Google Group and/or bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com for assistance. If requested, a watering flag will be placed in your plot to indicate this plot needs to be watered. During your absence, ripe crops may be harvested and plants growing over the border may be trimmed.

Structures: At this time only temporary construction that allows airflow like trellises, stakes and tomato cages are allowed so they can be easily removed at the end of the season. We ask that no storage containers or tools be left behind to discourage theft. Per the agreement, none of the entities overseeing or involved with the garden can be held responsible for missing or damaged items.

Mandatory Dates: Opening Day Orientation & Closing Day / End of the season cleanup:

Our mandatory opening day orientation is held on the first weekend of April. Our end-of-season cleanup day is held during the second weekend in November. During cleanup day fences and stakes are removed and garden plots and general spaces are cleaned for the following season. Garden beds are filled with leaves and compost in preparation for the next season. After gardens are cleaned and plots are inspected by the Garden Committee, renters in good standing may request to renew the plot for the next season. Gardeners who wish to do cold-weather gardening must notify the Garden Committee of their intentions.

Note as of 6/22/20: Covid-19 Social Distancing and Sanitizing Protocols remain in effect.