

## **Rules and Regulations**

- All new gardeners must sign the Town's "Hold Harmless Agreement." Forms and a notary are available in the Town Clerk's office, 110 Bracken Road. Montgomery, NY. No plot will be assigned until payment (as established by the Town Board) is received by the Garden Committee Treasure.
- All gardeners may renew up to 2 plots with the option to renew more only if there is not a demand for plots from new gardeners. Priority will go first to potential gardeners on the waiting list.
- Keep all walkways and borders clear and unobstructed. **DO NOT TOSS STONES INTO THE PATHWAYS.** Remove all stones from the garden to the stone pile. **DO NOT** pile stones near the corner of plots or along the mown pathways.
- The garden area will be open dawn to sundown, seven days a week.
- Plot corners are clearly marked with stakes which should not be removed.
- It is requested all plot "owners" volunteer two or more hours of time for general maintenance of the garden. These chores will be coordinated by the Community Garden Committee.
- Each plot is to be kept weed free. Plots that are not kept up to the satisfaction of the Garden Committee will be warned. If after three warnings, the third in writing, no improvement is shown, the plot and fee will be forfeited.
- Dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas.
- A list of accepted composting materials for the community compost pile will be drawn up by the Garden Committee and posted in the community tool shed.
- Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not plant sprawling crops or tall plants that might interfere with other plots. Harvest only from your assigned plot. Do not plant trees. Seek approval of the Executive Garden Committee before planting perennials that have a root system that may be difficult for future gardens to remove. (e.g. Horseradish, bamboo, stinging nettles)
- Use of herbicides and black plastic mulch is prohibited.
- Only fully organic pesticide treatments pre-approved by the Garden Committee will be tolerated. Please see our Use of Pesticides document for further information.
- All diseased plants must be bagged and removed.
- No pets allowed within the garden fence. Outside the fence, town regulations require all dogs to be on a leash no longer than 10 feet.
- There is No smoking in or around the garden as this can spread the tobacco virus.
- Family members are welcome. Children should be closely supervised at all times.
- All personal effects (chairs tables etc) should be removed before fall tilling. Each gardener must clear his or her plot of stakes, fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic materials before snowfall. If you have a year round plot, turn under or remove annual plant residues. Please be respectful in your choice of garden decorations. We ask that you do not put up flags or flag poles by direction of the Town Board. Any item the Town Board or the Executive Garden Committee finds offensive, we will ask to have it removed.
- No unattended watering. Notify garden committee of any leaks in the water line. Make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden. Keep hoses neatly rolled up on fence holders.
- Leave no debris behind. You bring it, you take it.

- **Notify the garden committee if you are no longer able to tend your plot; will be absent for an extended period of time; or have a friend to tend your garden.**
- **Park only in designated areas. Do not park on Ring Road or hayfield.**
- **Conserve water. Mulch with leaves, grass clippings, or seedless straw to reduce water evaporation.**
- **Do NOT mulch with hay, as this induces weed seeds.**
- **Community tools should be cleaned and returned to the Community Garden Tool Shed. Do not take community tools home at night.**
- **Keep gates to the garden closed at all times.**
- **The Community Garden bulletin board on the website is a way for us all to stay in touch. Please use it for garden related purposes.**
- **Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with the above regulations during the season may result in a loss of plot and future gardening privileges.**
- **The Community Garden Committee will settle any disputes between plot “renters”. Any decision may be appealed to the CAC. Any decision by the CAC regarding any garden related issue including loss of plot is final.**
- **Rules and Regulations will be revised as needed by the Community Garden Committee.**