

# Farmington Community Garden Rules

1. Each Gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other related maintenance are the responsibility of the gardener.
2. Gardeners must volunteer the agreed upon amount of time to help maintain the shared spaces in the garden, including flower beds, fruit trees and shrubs, the children's garden.
3. Produce, fruits, flowers and herbs grown in the garden are for personal use or charity organizations only. Gardeners are not permitted to sell anything harvested from the garden or any products made from their harvest.
4. The regularly scheduled group workdays for the garden are every other Sunday as scheduled each new growing season. A limited number of tools and other gardening supplies is available in the garden shed for use by members on the premises. Gardeners should bring their own tools whenever possible. Special work events will be discussed at meetings and posted in shed as needed.
5. Each Gardener will be given a code to the garden shed lock and should not be shared outside the garden. Gardeners are responsible for cleaning and returning tools to their proper place in the shed and locking the shed.
6. Children are welcome in the common areas of the garden at all times but must be accompanied by an adult within the personal plot area of the garden.
7. The application of herbicides (weed killer), and synthetic fertilizers to garden plots are prohibited. Organic/Non-GMO grown plants/seeds should be used in garden plots. Before applying anything to a garden plot, refer to the list of approved amendments in the Garden Welcome Packet.
8. Each gardener and volunteer must complete a Release, Waiver & Assumption of Risk form before any work in the garden can begin.
9. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardeners responsibility to notify the coordinator if they're unable to care for their plot in any given week. **If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks (that is within 2 group workdays), that plot will be subject to reassignment.**
10. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded according to a waiting list. Preference for next years plots will be given to the previous years participants first. Each year, Gardeners must fill out a new application, pay the agreed upon yearly dues to the Garden Coordinator before beginning work on their plot(s).
11. Gardeners may harvest only from their own plots and the common areas.
12. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring- unless they are practicing season extension techniques, in which case they must clear out their plot when the last harvest is complete. **If you do not clean up your plot, you may lose your plot next year.**
13. The Garden Committee (board members) is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times.