



## Drew Park Community Garden Guidelines

The mission of Community Gardens in the Town of Fairfield is to provide a limited number of garden plots of varying sizes, sited on public land, and to make them available to all individuals and their families who reside in the Town of Fairfield. These plots are for the sole purpose of the cultivation of vegetables, herbs and flowers by the assigned plot holders who are encouraged to follow organic and sustainable gardening practices. The aim is to offer a communal, recreational and learning experience through the exchange of horticultural knowledge with each other, which is healthy and nourishing for the body, the mind and the land itself.

1. Fairfield residents (only) shall be assigned a garden plot. Assignment of plots will be made by Fairfield Parks and Recreation, who will also maintain a Waiting List of gardeners. Gardeners will be required to fill out an application and pay the annual membership fee by mid-February.
2. Each plot size is 10'x20'; however, plots may be divided according to the community's needs. Each household, or local organizations, may be assigned up to 2 plots.
3. All gardeners must begin use of their assigned plot(s) by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If assigned plot(s) are not prepared by May 30<sup>th</sup>, the assigned plot(s) may be re-assigned to the next person on the waiting list.
  - a. In case of a hardship that may temporarily prevent a Gardener from addressing non-compliance issues, such as an extended vacation, illness or other unplanned emergency, the Gardener must notify Fairfield Parks & Recreation and consideration will be given. The maximum accommodation period is one growing season.
4. Herbicides and/or non-organic pesticides are prohibited from the garden. Fertilizers may be used, lightly, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
5. In the interest of all, regular maintenance and weeding is required by each gardener. Tall crops are to be planted where they will not shade neighboring plots. No trees or permanent garden structures are allowed.
6. Gardeners may only harvest from their own plots unless given permission by other gardeners.
7. To prevent damage to perimeter fencing, nothing should be grown or attached to the fence. Gardeners with plots bordering the perimeter fencing will have the responsibility to maintain the fence area.
8. Water spigots should be turned off, and the hoses returned, when gardeners are finished watering.
9. Rocks, compost, and non-composted vegetation should be placed in designated areas.
10. The garden gate must remain closed at all times and locked upon leaving the garden.
11. The Town of Fairfield Community Garden is a carry-in carry-out trash reduction area. Visitors are asked to carry out all trash as there are no waste receptacles in this area.
12. Fundraising events to support the gardens by improving conditions and facilities may be held with the majority agreement of the gardeners and the approval of the Town of Fairfield.
13. Gardeners who have maintained their plots in accordance with these guidelines will have the right to retain their assigned plot(s) from the previous year if so desired.