

BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN  
INFORMATION AND RULES

The Community Garden shall be for the residents of Mount Arlington, New Jersey and to the promotion of sustainable, ornamental, and edible plant culture for the benefit of its members.

- The Garden is located on Sandra Drive. Parking is available on site.
- Garden Plots are all 10 x 10
- Annual fee for a single plot is \$25.00
- Registration can be completed via the online registration tool, Community Pass. Payment can be received online, mailed, or handed in to Borough Hall or the Recreation office located at the DPW building.
- Garden Plots are available for Mount Arlington residents that agree to comply with the Operating Rules and Regulations adopted by the Borough of Mount Arlington.
- One plot shall be reserved for the Mount Arlington School District for the purpose of educating students.
- Annual registration is required to maintain their plots. Previous gardeners in good standing will have priority registration. Previous gardeners have until February 1<sup>st</sup> to express their interest in continuing to keep their plot.
- A waiting list of applicants shall be maintained by the Recreation Clerk.
- Remaining plots will be on a first come, first serve basis. Plots cannot be sublet, exchanged, or transferred with another person or relative. One plot per household. Plots can be shared between households. A waiting list will be put in place and maintained by the Recreation clerk.
- If plots are not planted by May 15, or if the gardener no longer remains in good standing, the gardener may forfeit their plot and it will be assigned to the first available on the waiting list. If the plot is co-owned, the other party will be given the option to take over the whole plot.
- If a gardener is no longer to maintain their plot, they will report to the Rec Clerk and the plot will go to the first person on the waiting list that is able to take over.

**Garden Rules**

1. The Garden will be open daily from sunrise to sunset.
2. Parking is provided at the site. Parking at the front of the garden, or "loading area" is prohibited except for the time necessary to unload or load supplies.
3. Gardeners will be given a code for the use of the facility. Sharing the code without permission from the Borough is prohibited.
4. Gardeners will practice organic farming; use of pesticides is prohibited.
5. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to preserve water. Water must never be left on or left unattended. Overwatering is prohibited. Take care not to water another's plot accidentally or without permission.

6. Gardeners must remove bug-infested and diseased vegetation PROMPTLY from the property via plastic bags or another vessel to minimize infestations in neighboring plots. It is prohibited for the diseased vegetation to be added to the compost pile or “tossed over the fence” to prevent contamination and to ensure the integrity of the plots. This includes overripe harvests
7. Gardeners are responsible to keep the areas surrounding their plots, as well as common paths adjacent to their plots, free of weeds at all times. They must also ensure their crops are trimmed or routed so they do not cover or block any Garden pathway.
8. When gardeners are prepared to leave, water must be turned off, all garbage removed, and gate locked, unless others are still working in the Garden.
9. Gardeners are permitted to have trellises, supports or cages, as long as they do not exceed 5 feet and do not shade another’s plot without approval of the latter. Decorations such as statues, banners, flags, or other items are permitted as long as they do not exceed 5 feet and do not shade another’s plot.
10. Should a gardener go on vacation or cannot come to their plot for a period of time, they must inform the Recreation Clerk as well as make sure they have coverage whether it be a “plot-sitter” or another member to maintain their plot and keep weed free. The person must be in good standing with the Committee and if the person maintaining the plot violates any of the rules, the assigned gardener will forfeit their plot.
11. The Garden will be inspected on a consistent basis to check for violations. Gardeners will be notified of violations. Receipt of more than three notices in a single garden season will result in revocation of their plot.
12. Gardeners must show evidence of activity no later than May 15, or one week after they join if the season has begun. This includes weeding of their plot and nearby pathways and surrounding areas even if they do not plan to plant until later. Failure to do so will result in a violation notice.
13. The following are considered violations:
  - a. Unsupervised children who are allowed to roam throughout the Garden or guests who are loud and disruptive.
  - b. Bringing pets into the Garden.
  - c. Smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, or using illegal drugs in the Garden.
  - d. Growing of illegal substances.
  - e. Loud music, cursing, or threatening of other gardeners or their guests at the Garden.
  - f. Not weeding the paths surrounding your plot, not disposing of diseased plants outside of Garden property, improperly disposing of diseased plants in the Garden compost pile, or disposing of materials brought from home into the pile.
  - g. Not disposing of rotten vegetation properly.
  - h. Picking vegetables from another’s plot without permission.
  - i. Overwatering or carelessly water surrounding plots.
  - j. Parking in the Loading Zone by the Garden Entrance.
  - k. Sharing the code with nonmembers.
  - l. Building permanent structures in their plots without Board permission.
  - m. Use of non-organic materials.

- n. Leaving tools or furniture in their plots on a consistent basis.
- o. Planting invasive plants such as mint, lemon balm, ground covering plants, or any other plant deemed invasive.
- p. Planting plants that exceed the height restriction of 5 feet, such as corn and sunflowers.
- q. Having structures or decorations which shadow their neighbor's plots.

**Any suggestions or comments, please share! Contact [cchismar@mtarlintonboro.com](mailto:cchismar@mtarlintonboro.com) with any questions.**