

Woolwich Township Community Garden

Welcome to the 2024 season of the Woolwich Township Community Garden. The garden plots, full (20' x 30') or half (20' x 15'), are located to the west of the township building.

Before the garden plots are opened for planting, the ground will be plowed and the plots marked. Thereafter, gardeners can officially garden after paying the \$30.00 full-plot or \$15.00 half-plot fee and reading & signing this agreement. If you are a former gardener from Woolwich or Swedesboro wanting to retain your plot from last year, just let the Garden Coordinator know by March 29th. New gardeners will be assigned plots on a first-come / first-serve basis. Applicants will be notified of their plot number by e-mail. (A current e-mail address is required.)

Gardeners understand that this is a community garden and that in order for it to succeed, gardener support is needed to maintain the site, manage compost, keep on top of weeds, deal with wildlife, and keep the site free of debris.

Gardeners agree to keep their garden, garden fence lines, and pathways free of weeds, diseased plants, insect-infested plants and over-ripe vegetables. The township will maintain the greater property.

int____ I understand that if I fail to harvest my ripened crops, the Garden Leadership Team will pick the ripened crops and share them with the local food bank (giving credit to the Woolwich Community Garden).

int____ I understand that if I abandon my garden for more than two weeks, without having given prior notice (i.e. on vacation, sickness, etc.) to the Garden Leadership Team, my plot can/will be re-assigned to someone else.

After May 31st, we will let gardeners use unused plots at no charge (if any plots remain). You will have to let the Garden Coordinator know which plot you would like to use.

Gardens must be cleared and cleaned at the end of the gardening season. All personal belongings (stakes, fencing, cages, hoses, tools, etc.) must be removed from the plot. Gardeners must clear all vegetation from their plot (and take all vegetation to the compost pile) by October 25th. Cover crops can be left on plots.

Parents are encouraged to bring children to the garden and introduce them to the wonders of gardening.

Garden coordinator: [Eric Bennett](#)
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Gardener's information * required

Please print legibly so that we can contact you if necessary.

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

Address: _____

*Telephone: _____ - _____ - _____

*E-mail: *Please print legibly* _____

*Signature: _____

**** For office use only ****
Amount received: \$ _____
Date received: ____/____/____
Garden plot assigned: # _____

Community gardens are spaces where individuals come together to grow food, build relationships and celebrate their communities.

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Guidelines and Rules

- int_____ I will pay a plot fee of \$30.00 per full-plot or \$15.00 per half-plot.
- int_____ I will have vegetables or flowers planted in the garden by May 13th, and keep it planted all summer long.
- int_____ If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Garden Leadership Team.
- int_____ I will keep weeds to a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot, including 3' of the pathway that borders my plot.
- int_____ If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given a one week notice to clean it up. If not cleaned up, it will be re-assigned or tilled under. If abandoned, gardener will not be invited back.
- int_____ I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- int_____ I will participate in the fall cleanup of the garden.
- int_____ I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- int_____ I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- int_____ I will not use fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots.
- int_____ I agree to volunteer three hours (per garden per season) toward community gardening efforts. (A list of volunteer tasks which your community garden needs will be developed.)
- int_____ I will not bring pets to the garden. (Pet rocks are okay.)
- int_____ No smoking is permitted on any of the Community Garden grounds.
- int_____ I will have cleared my garden plot of all vegetation, weeds, fencing, cages, stakes, hoses, tools, etc. by October 25 unless I have fall crops or cover crops such as rye or winter wheat. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of future gardening privileges.
- int_____ I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

Print name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____