

Southborough Community Gardens at Breakneck Hill Conservation Land

2020 GARDENER'S AGREEMENT:

- In light of the pandemic and its accompanying disruptions please follow local Board of Health & mass.gov COVID-19 Guidance and Directives.
- The plots can be fenced at the individual's expense.
- Plots must be kept free of debris.
- Gardeners must dispose of waste and litter after every use.
- Each plot must be cleared of fences, stakes, non-vegetative matter and debris by date to be determined by the Garden Coordinator for the end of the season.
- **If the plot is not cleared by the determined date, you will not be assigned a plot the following year.**
- Unattended watering is not permitted. Please notify the garden coordinator of any leaks in the water line. All faucets must be turned off when not being used and hoses returned to stations.
- Gardeners must supervise children in the community gardens at all times.
- Pets must be leashed and supervised at all times.
- Only vegetables, herbs, and annuals can be grown in the garden plot.
- Gardeners must maintain their plots regularly and are responsible for weeding the walkways around their plots. If gardeners abandon their plots for any reason, they must notify the Garden Coordinator.
- If a plot becomes unkempt, the Garden Coordinator will give a 10-day notice to clean it up. At that time, the coordinator may re-assign it.
- **If using, insect and disease controls and fertilizers shall be organic, or derived from natural materials. Such fertilizers include compost, rock dusts, meals made from plants, etc. Pest controls include soaps, oils, plant extracts, etc. The usage of pesticides and herbicides can only be applied per state law by a licensed applicator and approval from the Conservation Commission therefore they are not allowed at the Community Garden.**
- Gardeners must participate in the organized work associated with the Community Garden, such as putting the hoses away and composting.
- The Town of Southborough provides the land, the plowing of the land in the spring, and a water outlet with hoses. Gardeners are responsible for bringing their own gardening tools. Garden tools can be stored in the shed, but the Coordinator can place limits on storage to ensure the shed does not become overcrowded.
- **Do not leave any type of metal cages or fences use during the season outside the shed. These must be taken home at the end of the season.**
- A composting pile will be available for organic matter.
- Gardeners are responsible to remove all non-organic waste from the site.

- Parking is allowed from dawn to dusk on the driveway adjacent to the garden and at the conservation land trailhead. Parking in the Harding Botanicals lot is not permitted.
- I understand that neither the Garden Coordinator, the Conservation Commission nor the Town of Southborough is responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THOSE LISTED ABOVE FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.
- Still have questions? Please contact Garden Coordinator Isabel Kerber at: **ikerber@southboroughma.com**

2020 Gardener's Agreement

I have read and agree to the 2020 Gardener's Agreement.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Street Address: _____

Town, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please note the following changes will be implemented effective May 4, 2020

Only one size plot will be assigned: 10 x 20 Plot

Plot fee will be \$50 starting this year.

Plots will be available for Southborough residents only.

Senior's Fee are no longer optional, **everyone** will pay for their plots.

Plots will be assigned based on the date stamped in the envelope by the US Post office.

Please do not request changes to assigned plots. It was very disruptive last year to change already assigned plots for someone else convenience.

_____ 10 x 20 Plot, \$50 for the season for Southborough residents

Please make your check payable to the **Town of Southborough** and mail it, along with this page of the form, to

Isabel Kerber
PO Box #80
Southborough, MA 01772

No plots will be assigned without this completed form and payment.