

Sustainable Woodstock Community Garden Guidelines

Mission Statement

To foster a community of friendship and cooperation through organic gardening.

- ❖ We try to keep our garden as organic as possible. Please do your best to use only organic and non-GMO products in your plot (including seeds, seedlings, fertilizers, and pest controls).
- ❖ Visit your garden often and get to know your fellow gardeners.
- ❖ Email is the primary means of communication. Please use it to communicate with the garden coordinator at gardener@sustainablewoodstock.org.
- ❖ Pets must be on a leash outside the garden fence at all times.
- ❖ Hours of operations for gardeners will be 7:30am to 8:30pm.
- ❖ You will need to take approximately 4 hours per week to maintain your plot.
- ❖ If you are away for more than five days, you must notify the garden coordinator and make arrangements for someone to care for your plot.
- ❖ Continually maintain your plot and adjoining pathways so they are well cared for and free of weeds.
- ❖ Keep the lawn and pathways free of rocks, weeds, and plant debris.
- ❖ Plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- ❖ To conserve resources, apply water to the base of plants rather than broadcasting it all over. Please do not leave a hose unattended while in use.
- ❖ Use mulch hay or lawn clippings to reduce evaporation. No plastic or landscape fabric will be allowed.
- ❖ There is a storage area on site and some communal tools available for your use. Gardening tools can be brought on site and kept in the storage area if desired.
- ❖ **Abide by the following 3 main principals of organic gardening:**
 - 👉 Feed the soil by using compost and cover crops to add organic matter and nutrients (Chemical fertilizers like 5-10-5 and Miracle Grow are not used in organic gardening).
 - 👉 To suppress weeds and reduce water loss, add organic matter to the soil. Apply natural mulches (such as straw, hay or organic grass clippings).
 - 👉 Use natural, botanical, and biological insect controls to avoid harming beneficial organisms and pollinators. Organic gardening produces healthier soils and safer ecosystems. Organic insect controls include the bacterium Bt, pyrethrum, neem oil, copper soaps, and various homemade remedies. **Do not use synthetic pesticides, as they can have unwelcome side effects to plants, wildlife, and people.**
- ❖ These guidelines are intended for the health and safety of all. If you have any questions, suggestions or are experiencing a problem in your garden, please talk with your garden coordinator.

I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY FAMILY OR GUESTS.

