

# Rutland Recreation & Parks Department

## Community Gardens

### 2022 RULES

The following rules have been adopted to ensure the orderly use of City land. Please make every effort to follow them. Respect your neighbors and appreciate the fact that this land has been made available for your use.

1. Plots are made available on a first come, first served basis. Only one plot per family for all new users will be allowed, unless excess plots are available. Requests for additional plots may be made with the original plot request, but payment for the additional plot(s) will not be due until approved. Registration for 2021 users begins now. Open registration for new city residents begins March 1st. Registration for non-residents begins April 1st. Plots will be ready for planting late May if the weather cooperates. If there are any changes, we will notify you.
2. All garden plots must be started by June 1<sup>st</sup> to retain use of your plot for the season. One warning call will be given if the plot is not maintained during the course of the season. You will have one week to clean up your plot or risk losing your plot. There are no refunds.
3. Gardeners shall maintain neat gardens. The vegetation you grow must be kept within the confines of your plot. You are responsible for clearing weeds from the walk paths adjacent to your plot. Failure to comply with this rule may result in forfeiture of garden privileges for the following year.
4. Gardeners are responsible for full compliance with all state and federal agriculture laws. No poisonous or illegal plants may be grown, and no weed killers or systemic insecticides may be used. Please use only natural fertilizers.
5. Please keep use of rocks, bricks, etc in the garden to a minimum. If you use them please be very diligent in removing them by October 21. If they are not removed you will forfeit your clean-up deposit. If you need an extension please ask. Please resist weed cloth unless you are willing to clean it up at the end of the season!
6. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed at the Community Gardens as they are on city property and all City parks are now smoke free.
7. Produce grown at the Community Gardens may not be sold for profit.
8. No permanent fixtures (watering systems, etc.) and no sprinklers of any kind may be used on a garden plot. The plot renter, or an adult member of his or her family must be present when any watering is done. Irresponsible use (e.g. leaving faucets running, letting children play in it) will not be tolerated. Please request permission for youth 12 or older to water without an adult in attendance if appropriate.
9. Pets must be on a leash and attended at all times.
10. Plots must be cleared of all metal, plastic, rocks, wood, produce, and plants and removed from the site by **October 21, 2022**. Failure to comply with this provision will result in forfeiture of gardening privileges for the following year and loss of deposit.

**THANK YOU FOR USING THE COMMUNITY GARDEN!**