

Tuftonboro Community Garden Application

Name _____

Email (Our way of contacting you) _____

Mailing Address (With Zip Code, Please) _____

Telephone _____

Each plot is 20' x 30' (600 Square Feet)

Number of plots would you like to reserve ____ Plots x \$60.00 per plot = \$_____ total

Payable by check to: **Tuftonboro Community Garden**

Return to the Town Office:

Tuftonboro Community Garden, PO BOX 98, Ctr. Tuftonboro NH 03816

Please see attached Community Garden Rules. We try to keep these to a minimum, but some new ones have been added including NO POTATO PLANTS and weeding responsibility. We are trying to ensure that the Community Garden is a showcase and an example for others that will encourage gardening in town. The most common complaint we receive from gardeners are about the unkept walkways and overgrown gardens as the garden becomes unattractive and it is hard for people to get to their plots.

- If you want to garden but know ahead of time you just cannot keep up with the weeds, please let me know. We will try to locate you in a plot that is less walked and less visible.

Please sign Tuftonboro Hold Harmless Clause Agreement:

The undersigned adult on behalf of themselves, their child and/or children agree to protect, defend indemnify and hold harmless the Town, its officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments, or costs of any kind whatsoever (hereinafter "claims") arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities of said individual in Tuftonboro programs except for those acts or commissions which are the sole negligence of the Town.

Signed _____ Date _____

Community Garden Rules

These rules are designed to help the garden run smoothly for all. We appreciate the cooperation and community spirit that makes this a successful program.

1. Gardeners are responsible for their own tilling, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, end of season clean up, and all other care of their plots.
2. Since plots are close together, gardeners must keep plots and walkways relatively free of weeds, especially when weeds are seeding, to avoid spreading them to other plots.
 - Regular scrapping of the dirt with a hoe or the back of a rake when the soil is dry is an easy way to reduce weeds and avoid the need for pulling.
 - As walkways are shared we hope keeping them clear is a cooperative endeavor with your neighbors. However, primary responsibility for the walkway is as follows: When facing the fence towards town hall, you are responsible for the walkway in front of your plot (towards the fence) and to your right (towards the street/stonewall). Ask another gardener for help if needed.
3. NO POTATO plants are allowed due to the extreme number of potato bugs they attract.
4. Please be considerate of your neighbors if planting sunflowers or other tall plants to try not to shade adjacent plots.
5. Please reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides. Although we do not mandate organic techniques, as a community garden we try to promote good environmental and public health for all. Never apply pesticides to a neighbor's garden without permission. Also be mindful of windy conditions that could cause applications to drift.
6. Dogs and other animals are not allowed in the garden area at any time.
7. There is no smoking in the garden.
8. Gardeners may not keep open containers of water on the premises. These are perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes that may carry and spread viruses that are dangerous to humans.
9. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please notify police. The Town is not responsible for loss of garden supplies, tools or equipment.
10. All plots are rented on a seasonal basis. At the end of the growing season (October 15th) gardeners are required to remove all non-plant materials from their plots including plastic pots, wire tomato cages, stakes, tools, etc.
11. Any gardener who continues to break the rules after repeated warnings may lose their plot(s) which will be reassigned without a refund.

If you have questions about the community garden send the Agricultural Commission an email at: swingate0447@roadrunner.com

The Tuftonboro Agricultural Commission will be installing a composting demonstration area near the Community Garden this year. Stay tuned for further information.

Additional garden resource: UNH Family, Home & Garden Education Center toll free: 1-877-398-4769.