

Clark Family Community Garden

2021 Guidelines

Membership application is open to all residents of the Town of North Hempstead. Application and fees must be submitted, and Garden beds will be assigned before accessing the garden.

Social Distance rules always apply. A Mask must be worn at the Garden and maintain your distance if your neighbor is gardening at the same time, you are.

Only the Community Gardener and their family may be in the Community Garden.

The emphasis at the TONH Family Community Garden will be on organic gardening using integrated pest management (IPM) practices. The use of pesticides including herbicides and fungicides are not allowed. Organic fertilizers may be used.

Your bed:

Your 4' x 12' bed will be assigned to you. Do not switch beds. Since the assignment is on an annual basis, do not plant trees or other perennial plants. Please keep your area neat. No tools or plants growing in paths.

Your bed must be actively cultivated by June 5th. If a gardener has not cultivated his/her bed by this date, rights to the bed may be lost. This provides waiting applicants a chance to obtain a bed, but also, by keeping beds cultivated, the spread of weed seeds to neighboring beds is controlled. If a gardener must give up his bed mid-season, please let us know.

Access to the garden:

May 11 you may access your assigned bed

The garden is open 7 days a week:

10am-6pm April 1- October 31

10am-4pm Nov 1-March 31

Garden beds must be cleaned out by October 15.

Anything left in the garden after this date will be discarded.

There are public restroom facilities available.

Planting

Plants may include vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers and other small ornamentals. Invasive or illegal plants are not permitted. Fences or perimeter structures are not permitted as they pose a safety hazard. (We have allowed Rabbit fencing) You may mark your bed with a small sign with your name or the garden name. Trellises and stakes should not be higher than 3'.

Maintenance

Garden beds should be weeded and harvested on a regular basis during the growing season.

Common areas such as pathways, meeting areas, and compost must be kept clear of hoses, equipment and plants. All garden members are responsible for removing his/her trash from the garden; receptacles are in the lot.

We request (not mandatory) that all gardeners volunteer a small amount of their time for general maintenance to keep the garden site looking good and safe. The use of the site is contingent on your ability to maintain it.

Irrigation

Unattended watering is not permitted. The use of hand watering or drip irrigation is encouraged. If you bring a hose, please be careful when extending it from the spigot so as to avoid damaging your neighbor's plants. We have hoses and will provide supplemental watering only. We have overhead irrigation which will be turned on regularly. Do not rely on us watering your beds alone.

Safety

Tools should never be left in pathways. Make a habit of keeping tools in a bucket on your bed.

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Pets are not allowed in the garden at this time with the exception of service dogs.

The garden's security is every gardener's responsibility. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify us immediately. Help us discourage losses by questioning unfamiliar faces.

Courtesy

Remember this is a community garden, and the other gardeners are your neighbors.

Please be courteous to your garden neighbors. Do not trespass in their beds or harvest anything from any garden except your own. No smoking or alcohol is permitted at the garden premises at any time. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to plants. All members must keep noise to a minimum; no running, yelling, shouting or loud music.

Compost

Weeds or diseased plant material should not be deposited in the compost pile. Instead, bag these and take them home for proper disposal. Only shredded plant material is composted. No fencing, wires, plastic pots. The compost area is not a garbage dump.

Fall clean-up

At the end of the gardening season, all plant material, dead plants and non-plant materials including signs, stakes, trellises, string, wire, wood, metal, and plastic must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy.

Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.