

2018 Stow Community Garden Rules & Maintenance



Planting - Start of Season: Gardens are normally ready for planting around Memorial Day. **DO NOT Plant** prior to gardens being staked with plot numbers. (Weather dependent) Gardens planted before plot numbering is complete or those using unassigned plots are subject to loss of plot.

Locating Your Garden: Gardener's Name / Plot #'s are listed at Garden Shed
IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE ON THE PATH (4' wide) TO LOCATE YOUR NUMBERED STAKE.
Your garden is to the RIGHT of your numbered stake in the lower left corner of your garden plot.



Garden Plots not planted by Fri., June 15th, 2018 will be forfeited without refund & re-assigned.

Unworked Plots: If you are on vacation or ill ask other Gardeners to water, weed and harvest for you.

Water Use: Water spigots are available at the garden. Gardeners must be at the garden site at all times when watering. - Do NOT let water run openly without need. There is an expense associated with water used in the gardens - We ask that Gardeners practice water conservation.

Garden Hoses: Hoses are not provided by the Stow Community Garden but are donated by other gardeners. Note: Gardeners using a watering can or jug have priority to the water supply. Most gardeners who use garden hoses attach a "Y" connection with a cutoff valve between the water spigot and their hose so others may use the spigot without interruptions. *Hoses may not removed from the attached water spigots - Do Not leave a hose in the aisles; after each use please recoil the hose at the spigot for the next user.*

Plastic Ground Cover, Plastic Tape, Fishing Line, Wire Fencing, Styrofoam - Are Not Permitted in garden plots. If found; these materials will be removed. These materials have broken equipment when mowing & plowing and or are not biodegradable. Recommended alternatives: Wood Chips, grass clippings, straw, paper. Fabric type ribbon, string, rope or cloth strips may be used to mark plot. Remember you must remove all materials you place in garden at the end of season. The Stow Community Garden Association and Stow Parks & Recreation Department are not responsible for materials used in the gardens.

Mesh Fencing, if utilized must be staked on the inside of the garden plot so as not to sag into the aisle.

Gardening Hours: The Stow Community Garden is located within a Stow City Park and thus gardeners must follow all City of Stow and Stow Park Ordinances. Parks including the gardens are open from Dawn to Dusk. You may not be in the gardens after dusk.

Dogs/Pets/Alcohol/Firearms: No dogs, pets, alcohol, drugs or firearms are permitted in the gardens. PER CITY OF STOW PARK REGULATIONS (955.02) No Smoking permitted in garden.

Plantings: All garden plants should be contained within your plot. No stacking of plant materials. Tall plants should be planted in the center of your plot so as not to shade a garden neighbor's plot.

Weeds / Rocks / Debris should be placed in the designated areas, not in aisles or at water spigots. Each gardener is responsible for keeping their plot weed free and keeping the adjoining aisles clear. Use only natural or organic weed/animal deterrents. Round Up or chemical weed killers are NOT permitted.

Children are welcome in the garden, but must be supervised by an Adult at ALL Times.

Pilferage/Theft: Anyone caught stealing will be put out of the Community Garden Program & Stow Police will be contacted. Gardeners should attempt to become acquainted with other gardeners using the surrounding plots and help in protecting the gardens from theft or vandalism. If you are suspicious of behavior please take note and contact the Stow Parks & Recreation Department.

Harvest: Gardeners should pick their produce when ready, thereby avoiding tempting others. Only registered gardeners or their designee are permitted to harvest their garden plot.

End of Season: All Produce must be harvested from your plot by: Friday, September 28, 2018

You are required to remove All stakes, string, wire cages, etc. off your plot by this date.

Please **Do Not Remove the Plot # Stakes** that were installed by the Community Garden Association

The Stow Community Garden Planning Committee can amend the rules for the benefit of the Garden Program.

In Registering for a Garden Plot You Agree to abide by the Stow Community Garden Rules/Regulations.

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