

City of Revere: Community Garden Grower Rules and Regulations | 2019

Maintaining a garden plot in Revere's First Community Garden and Gibson Garden is a privilege. All gardeners agree to abide by the following Rules and Regulations and failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of your plot and removal. The Community Garden Leadership Committee and its Coordinators along with the City of Revere will make the official decision and notify you accordingly.

1. Each gardener may cultivate one plot only. Only one plot may be assigned to a family living at the same address. No gardener may cultivate a plot on behalf of another person. Revere residents will always be given priority in the assignment of plots.
2. All gardeners are required to attend the annual Garden Opening Meeting and to pay the annual plot fee at that time. If you are unable to attend this meeting in person, you agree to notify one of the coordinators and arrange for the payment of your plot fee. If you are unable to pay the plot annual plot fee for the season, you may contact and/or meet with the Leadership Team for a hardship waiver, which will be kept confidential.
3. Plots should be weed-free by May 15. Each gardener must begin planting their plot no later than June 1st and have it substantially cultivated no later than June 15th.
4. Gardeners agree to notify a coordinator if they intend to abandon their plot or if they will be away from their plot for an extended period of time. They also agree to notify a coordinator if they arrange for someone to care for their plot in their absence. Gardeners may not assign their plot to another person, nor may they switch plots with another person without the permission of the coordinators. Gardeners agree to notify the coordinators of any changes to their contact information.
5. All gardeners are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in all meetings which are communicated in advance by email and phone (if requested). Regular communication on plot status is expected either through email or phone to the Community Garden Leadership Coordinators.
6. Garden supplies to maintain plots are available in the shared shed. Community Garden Leadership Coordinators will provide accessibility information at the annual Garden Opening Meeting. All plot owners agree to maintenance of shared supplies and report any breakages or losses to Community Garden Leadership Coordinators. All supplies not limited to nozzles and hoses, must be returned to the shed after use.
7. All gardeners agree to participate in the maintenance and weeding of the common areas and walkways. All gardeners agree to keep their plants and garden materials entirely within the limits of their plot. Plants should not grow on the walkway or extend into neighboring plots.
8. All gardeners agree to prepare their plot for Winter no later than November 30th. Preparing a plot for winter is defined as: 1) removing all plant material except perennials, and 2) removing stakes

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and other plant supports (these can be left in the garden over the winter if organized in a neat bundle.) Dead plant material attracts pests and fungus and is a detriment to surrounding gardens.

9. **The use of chemical herbicides, pesticides, fungicides or weed repellents is not allowed anywhere in the garden. Violation of this rule will result in expulsion.**
10. No gardener is allowed to do any work (including watering) in another gardener's plot without that gardener's permission.
11. Gardeners will not harvest from another gardener's plot without permission.
12. All gardeners will conserve water at all times and to abide by any water conservation measures as may be set forth by the coordinators.
13. All gardeners will supply their own tools and garden materials and treat any shared tools/supplies with respect.
14. Smoking is not allowed within the garden at any time.
15. Guests and neighbors are welcome in the garden. All gardeners agree to supervise any visitors and educate them on the purpose of a community garden. Animals are not allowed in the garden at any time. Bicycling, skateboarding, and rollerblading are not allowed in the garden.
16. Produce must be harvested regularly and not allowed to rot on the ground.
17. All plots must be kept carefully weeded, clean and neat at all times. No litter may be kept within the garden and each gardener agrees to remove their own litter.
18. All gardeners are responsible for cleaning and taking away their own garden waste in a timely manner.
19. No large structures or fences other than standard plant supports may be erected within any plot. Gardeners agree not to plant tall crops (corn, sunflowers, etc.) in a location where they will cast a shadow over another plot. Gardeners should leave space to allow access to their own plot without needing to step into an adjacent plot. When planting tall crops plant them in the middle of your plot. Contact the garden coordinators if you plan to grow tall crops, we *may* be able to move you to a plot that casts less shadow.
20. Any diseased plant material must be removed from the garden as soon as it is discovered.
21. If the garden coordinators think a plot has been abandoned the plot owner will be notified. If no

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response is received within 7 days, a second and last notice will be sent. If the plot owner does not respond within 7 days, a written notice is sent terminating rights to the plot. (Abandoned is considered if plot has rotting produce, garden debris, and unwatered for two weeks.) Remember all garden plot holders can ask the assistance of garden members if you are away or unable to care for your plot. Depending on the time of the year disposition of the plot is up to the discretion of the garden committee.

22. Gardeners are strictly prohibited from growing marijuana and illegal plants such as poppy in any area of the community gardens.
23. Priority for plots will be given to Revere residents with no other community garden plots.
24. Gardeners agree that if they have a question about the garden or rules, they will ask someone on the leadership committee before proceeding.
25. Coordinators may on occasion need to switch gardeners to a different plot than previously assigned to accommodate the best growing environment for all growers. Gardeners will be notified of any changes prior to the growing season.
26. Since the Revere Community Garden is located on Revere High School Property, all gardeners agree to abide by any and all rules and regulations that may be imposed by Revere High School or the City of Revere.
27. By signing this contract you authorize the use of pictures taken at the garden of yourself, your associates, and your plot to be used to promote and provide updates on the Revere Community Garden on social media which includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, and Pinterest.
28. All gardeners agree that neither the Revere Community Garden nor the owners of the land (City of Revere) are responsible for the gardeners' actions. They further agree to hold harmless the Revere Community Garden and the City of Revere from any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of their plot by themselves or any of their guests.

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By signing below I have read, understand, and agree to follow all of the Revere Community Garden rules and regulations as listed above.

Name:

Date:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

_____ **Assigned Plot Number**

Annual Dues Paid By:

_____ Check
_____ Cash
_____ Hardship Waiver

Garden Coordinators Season 2019:

Revere's First Community Garden at RHS -

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Dimple Rana, Director of Healthy Community Initiatives, drana@revere.org and 781-286-8172
Payment should be brought to:

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Healthy Community Initiatives Department
C/O Dimple Rana
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Revere, MA 02151