



Choosing Health

Northeastern Vermont
Regional Hospital

NVRH Community Gardens Agreement 2023

NVRH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, age, medical condition, marital status, citizenship, gender identity, sexual orientation, or status as a veteran.

Garden plots are available without cost. Average plots size is 25 X 30 feet. Rototilling can be arranged (\$30/space), payable cash or check to "NVRH Gardens Project."

Plot registration begins April 13, with preference given to returning gardeners. Unclaimed plots will be re-assigned or given to members of the waitlist, after May 5, 2023.

If you have previously had a garden space, but have not kept it up, it may be considered as abandoned and available for those on the wait list (see Expectations below). Please see the Community Gardens Project Coordinator, ASAP.

Please return signed NVRH Community Gardens Agreement and Risk Agreement or gardens may be reassigned on May 5, 2023, if I have not heard from you.

There are few rules regarding use of a garden plot. These are designed to keep gardeners safe, and to provide accountability.

Expectations:

Summer gardening begins in early spring. Plots should be prepared and planted by Memorial Day.

After the first killing frost, **all dead plants, weeds and stakes must be removed from the plot. Cleanup, including the removal of fencing, posts, and any other matter, must be completed no later than November 1. Gardens not cleaned will be considered abandoned and made available to members of the wait list.**

Gardeners are solely responsible for the planning and management of their own plot(s), including providing their own tools, seeds, plants, fertilizer, compost and manure. (*No Round-up or like products.)

Gardeners may bring guests, family members, and children into the gardens; children under the age of 16 must be supervised.

Gardeners may work in their assigned plot at any time from sunrise until sunset, during the garden season.

Gardeners must maintain their garden, or the garden may be considered abandoned. Abandonment is defined as failing to maintain a plot for 2 weeks.

If a gardener is going to be away for this period or longer, please notify the garden coordinator.

Gardeners please practice carry-in/carry-out in reference to your trash – there are no trash receptacles in or near the gardens. Also, there is a location back by the woods for **yard waste only**. If you don't see it, please ask.

Water conservation is important. Mulching with leaves, hay, or other organic matter helps to reduce evaporation is encouraged.

What to grow:

Vegetables, herbs, flowers, small fruit plants for home consumption. Please be mindful of your neighbors when planting tall crops.

Limitations:

- **Gardeners may not use hoses for watering, as they are a trip hazard. We do provide a 1000 gallon water tank that is filled on a regular basis. Please plan on using buckets or large watering cans.**
- Gardeners may not carry, use, or store firearms or other weapons at the gardens.
- Gardeners may not smoke anywhere on the NVRH campus, including the gardens. This also applies to vapes and e-cigarettes.
- Gardeners may not start nor maintain a campfire nor cook in the gardens.
- Gardeners may not bring pets into the gardens, including for burial.
- Gardeners must comply with local state, and federal laws while at the gardens site. With this in mind, alcohol or illegal drugs may not be used or consumed while in the gardens. The growth of any plants considered illegal under state or federal law is prohibited. For example, since the gardens are located communally, gardeners may not grow Marijuana nor Hemp, whether or not the use of the product may be lawful for medical purposes under state law.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Phone

Address