

GUIDELINES 2010

Rhinebeck Community Garden

80 E Market St • Rhinebeck NY 12572



Terms and Conditions for Participation

As part of the garden community, Gardeners abide by the following terms and conditions:

1. Gardeners use this garden at the sole discretion of “The Rhinebeck Community Garden”.
2. All gardeners are required to complete an application form (in addition to signing this agreement).
3. The minimum plot price is \$25.00 for larger plots and \$15 for smaller plots. The Fee is due with the application (pay to the order of The Rhinebeck Community Garden). There are no refunds once gardeners have been assigned a plot. If there is more demand than available plots, people placed on the waiting list will be refunded.
4. Once Gardeners have been assigned a plot, they will plant it as soon as possible and no later than Memorial Day weekend. Gardeners will notify the Garden Leaders if they are unable to tend to their plot for more than two weeks during the growing season.
5. By taking a plot, Gardeners are aware that they should plan **at least 2** hours of work a week for minimum maintenance of their own plot, as well as up to 3-4 hours/month contributing to the garden on a Garden crew (which can include administrative and/or maintenance tasks, see #6 and application form). The work load is heaviest early in the season when reestablishing the garden.
6. All gardeners are required to sign up for one of the Garden crews on the application form. As part of their work on this crew, Gardeners sign up for volunteer hours on the work schedule, which include tasks such as work parties, outreach, maintenance of the community plot and transportation of donated food. If Gardeners have to cancel their volunteer hours, they must contact other Gardeners to take their place. Failing to respect this guideline puts in jeopardy Gardeners’ right to their plot.
7. A plot is 20 x 15 feet; or 10 x15 feet (or equivalent area). Gardeners keep all their plants within the limits of their plot and do not grow plants to a height at which they shade neighboring plots.
8. At the end of the gardening season, Gardeners remove all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) and dispose of it properly (see #10). All plots must be left neat and tidy. If a Gardener has not cleaned their plot by the time they have finished gardening, they could lose their gardening privileges for the next season.
9. Gardeners do their best to attend the monthly garden meetings. In addition, Gardeners are encouraged to participate in potlucks.
10. Gardeners keep their plot, adjacent paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. They do not leave pulled weeds in the pathway or in their garden. Waste is separated into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste; 2) recyclables and 3) non recyclables. Gardeners place waste from group #1 in the designated areas by the compost pile. Any other trash (#2, and #3) and anything they bring from their home is taken back with them.

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11. Gardeners use common sense in gardening: conserving water, refilling water tank when needed, rolling up the hoses, returning tools to their place, not taking food or plants from other plots and being considerate of fellow Gardeners.
12. Gardeners understand that the garden is on Town/Village property, and therefore all public rules apply (no alcohol or smoking allowed). In addition, tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins. Please report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to Garden Leaders.
13. Guests must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. Gardeners supervise their guests at all times and are solely responsible for the behavior of their guests.
14. Gardeners use natural pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers (no synthetic chemicals are allowed). In addition, Gardeners do not apply any pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that affect other plots.
15. Gardeners do not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give their key or lock combination to another person.
16. Gardeners understand that dogs and other pets are not allowed in the garden.
17. Gardeners understand that neither the "Rhinebeck Community Garden" nor owners of the land (Town and Village Rhinebeck) are responsible for gardeners' actions. Gardeners forfeit their right to sue the owner of the property.
18. Gardeners work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner! We *are* the change we want to see in the world!

Please sign and return the next page and keep this list of 18 guidelines.
The guidelines will also be posted on the Garden billboard.

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I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

The Town Board Liaison and the Garden Leaders are the highest governing authority at the Rhinebeck Community Garden. Breaking any terms and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plots.

If any of the guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone and email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and at the discretion of the Garden Leaders.

Commitment

I have read and understand the *Rhinebeck Community Garden guidelines 2010* and accept the rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Rhinebeck Community Garden.

Gardener's full name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PLOT APPLICATION 2010

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Name _____ Date _____ PLOT size (check) Full ___ Half ___

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ Email _____

If you are a returning gardener, would you like the same plot as last year? Yes ___ Doesn't matter ___

- **Please sign** the third page of the attached **Garden Guidelines**, (after reading them carefully) and submit it with your application and payment. Your application will not be considered if signed Guidelines are missing.
- **Minimum contribution** for a full plot (20X15 ft) is \$25 and minimum for half plot (10x15 ft) is \$15. Your contribution helps with expenses that benefit all garden members, including fence and structures maintenance, community tools, water lines, etc. Please be generous. Scholarships are available.
 ___ Please check here if you would like a scholarship to cover your plot fee. We will contact you soon.
- Send check or cash, payable to "The Rhinebeck Community Garden", signed Guidelines and Application to:
 Winnakee Land Trust c/o Raphael Notin - Rhinebeck Community Garden
 P.O. Box 610
 Rhinebeck, NY 12572
- Application, signed Guidelines and payment must be postmarked by **March 15**.
- **Applications are accepted on first come, first served basis.** Returning gardeners have priority. We anticipate there will be a wait list. If you are on the wait list, your check/money will be refunded. You will be contacted either way.
- Members of the garden community are required to join a crew: **Please mark which Crew** you will participate in. We are also looking for Crew Leaders who are willing to oversee the work of the crew and participate in regular meetings, check the box according to your wish:

Crew Leader	Crew Member	Crew
		Outreach and Publicity Promotes the garden locally and helps finding support for the garden (money and in-kind donations).
		Supply Crew Keeps the garden supplied with compost, woodchips, tools, etc. The supply crew will pick up materials, ask help from other gardeners in attaining supplies, and draw attention to supplies that are being poorly treated.
		Grounds Crew Sees to maintenance of the garden (fencing, plot locations, roto-tilling, pathways, etc.).
		Community Plot crew Sees to the planting and attendance of the community plots and harvests and distributes the food to the Red Hook food pantry.
		Events Crew Organizes potlucks and other community garden's social events.
		Garden Experts Shares gardening skills and knowledge with other gardeners, help enforce the guidelines.
		Garden Leaders Contributes to the organizational aspects of the garden, attends meetings

Thank you for joining and supporting this important and exciting initiative to grow local, sustainable food!