

# Green Rows ☆ of Waltham

## Gardeners agree to abide by these rules:

- **This is an *all-organic* garden.** Only organic pesticides & fertilizers may be used. No herbicides, animal pest poisons, or pressure-treated wood may be used. No genetically altered seed.
- Gardeners ***must maintain their plots regularly*** and ***must weed the aisles*** adjoining their plots. Everyone ***must join a garden work team*** and participate in a share of the organized work (e.g. composting, water system, berry plot, carpentry & repairs, mowing).
- Gardeners ***must weed their plots and ready them for planting by June 1st***. At the end of the season, plots are to be ***cleaned up by Nov. 30th***. If you have a problem adhering to these dates and/or need assistance during the season, you ***must*** contact a steering committee member so that solutions can be worked out & gardens are not left unattended.
- **Gardeners must park in the parking lot near the brick building.** Disabled gardeners may park at the garden with a valid MA placard or by requesting a **permit** from the steering committee. Otherwise, *vehicles are only allowed to park momentarily at the garden for loading and unloading, and then they must be moved to the parking lot* (this is a UMass requirement).
- ***Avoid wasteful use of water.*** Do not flood your plot, and don't water other gardens unless you are asked. When you finish watering, turn off the water at your hose spigot, and then **open the nozzle to drain water left in the hose**. Turn off the water main **behind the shed** when you're the last one leaving in the afternoon/evening.
- Be sure to ***lock the sheds*** when you are the last to leave the garden.
- Please ***heed the team leaders and coordinators***. We have volunteered to help enforce the rules and maintain the cooperative & organic standards you agree to in leasing a GROW plot.
- Gardeners are responsible for their guests. Children under 14 must be with an adult. Pets must be leashed in accordance with Waltham ordinances.
- If someone besides you is helping maintain your plot on a regular basis, you must provide a the steering committee with his/her contact info. For the safety of all gardeners and to keep pilferage to a minimum, please get to know your neighbors and keep a watchful eye out for strangers wandering through the garden. Don't enter other gardeners' plots. Please report irregularities to the steering committee.
- Only add non-animal organic matter (plants, fruits, vegetables, grass clippings) to the compost. **NO BLACK SWALLOW-WORT!** Avoid adding corn stalks and other slow-composting items. ***You must take all other trash away.***
- Border plantings outside of garden plots must be less than 1-foot wide, cannot obstruct pathways & must be limited to small flowers & bulbs: NO shrubs, sunflowers, rosebushes, etc. No plantings are allowed in the aisles narrower than 5 ft wide. Trees may not be grown in or around the garden plots.
- Berry plots are for BERRY PLANTS and companions only - not for vegetable gardening.
- Small banners and flags may be displayed, but may not extend more than 4 feet above the ground.
- Gardeners must leave the garden area when the borders are being mowed by the University.

**VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN LOSING YOUR PLOT**

GROW community gardens are located on University of Massachusetts Waltham Center land and are subject to the University's regulations. Gardeners participate at their own risk. The University and GROW are not responsible for crop damage or pilferage from your plot.

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## **GARDENERS LISTSERVE -- [gardeners@growcommunitygardens.org](mailto:gardeners@growcommunitygardens.org)**

Email sent to this address is forwarded to all gardeners, except those who have chosen to opt out. It is for friendly discussion with other gardeners of issues and tips about gardening at the site. This list is not to be used to complain about issues between individual gardeners, or about the volunteers who help keep the garden running. It is solely for discussion of gardening. Misuse of the listserve will result in revocation of your right to post to the list. You can unsubscribe from the Gardeners listserve by going to [http://mail.growcommunitygardens.org/mailman/options/gardeners\\_growcommunitygardens.org](http://mail.growcommunitygardens.org/mailman/options/gardeners_growcommunitygardens.org) -- enter your email address and hit the unsubscribe button -- you do not need to enter a password. Contact [committee@growcommunitygardens.org](mailto:committee@growcommunitygardens.org) if you want to return to the list after opting out.

## **MANAGING CRIME AND CONFLICT**

If you want to report something illegal that happens at the garden, please contact the police. Volunteer coordinators are not the police. Theft, physical abuse, threats of bodily harm and other actions that would be illegal outside the garden are to be handled in this manner.

If you feel that a nearby gardener is interfering with your garden activities, please try to settle your differences in a neighborly way. Most gardeners will respond and cooperate if approached in a non-threatening manner. If differences cannot be worked out, then speak with a member of the steering committee, or email [committee@growcommunitygardens.org](mailto:committee@growcommunitygardens.org) for help. We will work with the gardeners involved, and assist in settling the conflict.

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS CONTACT LIST**

The people on this list volunteer their time to manage the GROW Community Gardens for the gardeners.

- The Steering Committee handles policy issues, coordinates with UMass management and GROW members and volunteers, organizes the workdays, meetings and picnics, monitors garden progress and upkeep, and addresses gardeners' comments, conflicts, complaints, and concerns.
- Ailene, our Financial Coordinator, handles the bank account and insurance.
- Scott, the Membership Coordinator handles registration, waiting lists and mass communications with the garden members.
- Team leaders volunteer from among the team membership annually. These teams are Mowing, Compost, Carpentry & Repairs, Water System Maintenance and Cooperative Berry Plot Maintenance.

Gardeners can communicate with the steering committee through the contact information below. The steering committee perpetuates itself by seeking new members from among the gardeners whenever there is a vacancy on the committee. Please let us know if you'd be interested in serving as a Team Leader, or on the Steering Committee in the future. No extra benefits or remuneration are given to the volunteer coordinators.

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