

Green Rows of Waltham, GROW, Inc.

2025 Rules

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 weed and maintain their plots regularly*** and ***must weed the aisles*** adjoining their plots. Everyone must contribute work hours each season to help keep the garden running. Available physical and administrative opportunities and sign-up procedures will be detailed each season.
- **You may not park your car along the perimeter of the gardens while gardening.** Parking is available in the gravel parking lot as you enter the property. You may drive heavy loads to the shed and unload them there; but you must return your car to the parking lot immediately after you have unloaded. The only access to the garden is the dirt road along Beaver Street. If parking in the lot presents a physical hardship, you must contact the GROW board to ask for a handicapped parking permit. The City of Waltham requires us to notify them of all recipients of parking passes.
- Gardeners ***must weed their plots and ready them for planting by June 1st***. There must be plants in cultivation ***by June 15***. 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 board member so that solutions can be worked out & gardens are not left unattended.
- ***Avoid wasteful use of water.*** No continuous drip irrigation is allowed. Avoid watering during the heat of the day when more water evaporates. When you finish watering, turn off the water at your hose spigot. If the hose or the spigot is leaking please inform the board.
 - Be sure to ***lock the sheds*** when you are the last to leave the garden.

- Please ***heed the board of directors and team leaders***. 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 the board with their 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 board.
- Composting is permitted only in closed, rodent-proof containers in your plot. If you do not have one available, you will need to bring your garden waste home. We are working to explore other options and will inform gardeners of any changes.
- 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.
- **Cannabis** (marijuana) cultivation is prohibited in the community garden. The Massachusetts law permitting growing your own is meant for private property. Because GROW is in a public area, it is not legal.
 - The garden is accessible from 6 am until dark
 - Alcoholic beverages aren't allowed on the property at any time, per City of Waltham regulations.
 - Plots must appear neat, clean, and weeded. End of season cleanup is required.

- . There are no facilities onsite for waste disposal. All trash must be taken home.

VIOLATIONS PUT GROW AT RISK AND MAY RESULT IN LOSING YOUR PLOT

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

GARDENERS LISTSERVE -- 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. Emails should be brief and to the point. 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 -- enter your email address and hit the unsubscribe button -- you do not need to enter a password. Contact 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 friendly manner. If differences cannot be worked out, then speak with a member of the board, or email 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 GROW, Inc. board handles policy issues, coordinates with City of Waltham 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.

Gardeners can communicate with the GROW, Inc. board through the contact information below. The board perpetuates itself by seeking new members from among the gardeners whenever there is a vacancy on the board. Please let us know if you'd be interested in serving on the board or in a leadership position. No extra benefits or remuneration are given to the volunteer coordinators.

GROW, Inc. Board of Directors

To reach everyone on the board please email: committee@growcommunitygardens.org

Individual emails are as follows:

- Kathy: kathyrandel@growcommunitygardens.org, 781-697-4604, President
 - Scott: sshurr@growcommunitygardens.org, 781-249-5494, Clerk
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