

Yarmouth Community Garden
2008 Rules for Renters

The foundation for most of our renter rules is simple – **be a good neighbor**. If you tend your plots well, keep them well weeded (including the pathway at your plot's edge) and harvested, you will make an invaluable contribution to the "community" which is at the heart of our garden. Welcome!

General Requirements

- Annual plot rental fees must be paid at the time of registration
- There is no smoking in the gardens or parking area. Tobacco mosaic virus, which can be carried on people's hands, is a serious threat to tomatoes and other plants.
- No pets are allowed in the garden.
- Please monitor small children in the garden so that they do not damage neighbors' plots.
- Each renter is required to contribute **SIX HOURS of work over the season to benefit the entire community garden project.**

Plot Design

- Tall crops should be planted toward the center of your plot where they will not cast shade upon neighboring plots. Please avoid planting 6 foot sunflowers if you've only rented one plot – they will inevitably create shade for your neighbor's plot.
- Structures (trellises, hoops, fences, supports) should be at least one foot inside plot edges.
- Raised beds may not be built(except for permanent plots). Chicken wire, pressure-treated or other treated or painted wood should not be used in plots.
- Perennials may be planted, but must be removed in the fall (except for permanent plots) as all annual plot areas will be rototilled.
- Stones should be taken to a designated spot. A few stones may be incorporated into the plot design or used as edging, but must be removed at the end of the season.

Plot Maintenance

- Plots need to be well-tended throughout the season, including weeding and harvesting of vegetables.
- Paths between plots should be kept open and accessible to all.
- Commonly used acceptable mulches include straw, hay, black plastic or weed barrier mats, newspaper (not glossy, and covered with an organic mulch), seaweed, grass clippings (not chemically treated), and other organic mulches. Black plastic and weed barrier mats must be entirely removed from the property at the end of the season.

End of Season

- Plots must be cleared of all summer structures and crops by a date in mid-October, to be determined.
- Specific plots may be unavailable in subsequent seasons, due to the need for overall soil maintenance and amendment.

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