

**Barrington's Bounty – Established by the Barrington Green Team  
Community Garden for Barrington, NJ at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Austin Avenue**

**Mission Statement**

Our Community Garden has been established to provide a source of organically grown fruits and vegetables, cultivate a place for people of all ages to experience the rewards of gardening, learn organic farming methods, sustainable living, and preservation of the harvest, promote community pride and unity, and encourage environmental stewardship and awareness.

**Rules and Regulations**

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1. Barrington Community Garden is an organic garden. You must commit to using organic gardening methods. Please see attached for the organic practices and products list (1). Any soil amendments should be organic and will need to be approved by the Plot Manager or the Green Team.
2. Gardening hours are daily from dawn to dusk. The garden is in a residential area, so gardeners must be considerate of the neighbors.
3. Gardeners must have their plots planted by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If plot is not planted by this date, the plot is forfeited back for redistribution without refund.
4. Plots must be maintained throughout the open Community Garden season (4/15 – 11/15). Plots are for annual lease only.
5. Members may only pick and maintain their own plots and grown items.
6. Plots must be kept free of weeds, diseased or insect-infected plants, and over-ripe vegetables throughout the season. Plants should be trimmed before going to seed, overgrown, and obstructing pathways.
7. Any vegetative waste should be disposed of in the designated area.
8. No trash receptacle will be available; all trash should be taken home by each gardener.
9. Gardeners are responsible for weeding half of the path surrounding their plot.
10. No trees, shrubs, or perennials may be planted. This garden is for annual plants only.
11. Tobacco or cannabis products cannot be grown in the garden.
12. Any plant on the "NJ do not plant list" cannot be planted, in addition to Castor Bean (poisonous) and Mint (invasive). See linked list of additional plants to avoid. (2)
13. Plants should be no taller than 6', as not to shade other gardeners' plots.
14. No sunflowers or corn may be planted. These plants attract deer.
15. Mulching individual plots with leaves, grass clippings, or straw to reduce water evaporation and unwanted weeds from growing is encouraged.
16. Water use is limited to 15 minutes per day, per plot. Please avoid water loss in aisles and be considerate of other waiting gardeners. See attached (3) for suggested watering practices.
17. Be careful not to damage other plants with the hose while watering or cause a trip hazard with hose placement.
18. Initial soil testing has been completed and results are available to gardeners upon request. Any further soil tests will be the responsibility of the gardener.
19. Tools belonging to the Community Garden should be cleaned and returned to tool storage after use. Any personal tools brought to the garden should be taken home when leaving.
20. Access codes, keys, etc. cannot be shared with any persons not on the approved application.

21. The last gardener to leave, regardless of the time of day, should securely close and lock the gate.
22. Gardener(s) agree to waive, release, indemnify and hold harmless the Borough of Barrington, its elected and appointed officials, the members of the Barrington Green Team, all of its affiliates, employees, agents, representatives, successors from any and all claims or causes of action, including but not limited to, personal injury or property damage, that may arise as a result of the participation of the gardener(s) in the Barrington Community Garden.
23. Additional requirements as may be required from time to time by the Barrington Borough.

### **Not Permitted in Community Garden**

*Community Garden members will be subject to warning or plot forfeiture when in violation.*

- Pets
- Unsupervised children and minors
- Permanent structures (any structure should be temporary and under 6')
- Pressure treated wood
- Power tools (gas or electric)
- Bird netting, plastic fencing
- Tobacco or cannabis products
- Illegal substances
- Glass bottles, jars, or containers
- Sprinklers (no foliar watering)
- Running within garden spaces

Any violation of the garden rules may result in forfeiture of this plot, unrefunded. See attached (4)

### **Additional Items**

- Any rules to be added or eliminated later must be passed by the majority of the participating gardeners and approved by the Green Team.
  - Community Garden Team
    - Community Garden members will be self-governing and establish roles as required
    - Gardener positions to-be-established within first 2 meetings: Site Manager, Plot Manager
    - Green Team-Community Garden Liaison: Peggy Read
  - Complaints, policies and mediations are the responsibility of the community garden managers with the Green Team having final authority.
  - Required Meetings: pre-season (Spring), end-of-season (Fall close); additional meetings and cadence will be established by CG members
  - Required Volunteer Hours: to be established by CG governing body, in addition to pre- and post-season clean up hours
  - Plot sizes, interior: 4'x 8' (single), 8' x 8.75' (double)
  - Pricing: \$32 (single), \$60 (double)
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Footnotes

(1) Organic gardening practices and products list: <https://www.growmartgrowsafe.org/> and <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/home-lawn-garden/>

(2) NJ do not plant list and additional plants to avoid in gardens: <https://www.fohvos.info/invasive-species-strike-team/info-center/> > Quick Links; and <https://www.jerseyyards.org/jersey-friendly-plants/invasive-plants/>

(3) Best watering practices: <https://blog.longfield-gardens.com/best-practices-for-watering-plants/> and <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/home-lawn-garden/water-conservation.php> and <https://www.growmartgrowsafe.org/Documents/NaturalYardCare/Natural%20Yard%20Care%20booklet.pdf>

(4) Forfeiture procedure (per Barrington): Unclaimed or neglected plots (including those not established by June 1<sup>st</sup> of each season) or those in violation of rules and procedures are subject to at least one warning but can result in forfeiture of plot unrefunded. This will be issued by the Plot or Site Managers and/or the Barrington Green Team.

**Gardener Confirmation**

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Date:

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Signature:

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