

**Barrington Bounty Community Garden– Established by the Barrington Green Team  
Located at 4th and Austin Avenues, Barrington NJ**

**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 sharing 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. Any soil amendments or products used should be organic (OMRI listed). No use of herbicides, pesticides or fungicides is permitted, nor is the use of synthetic fertilizers.
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 1st 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 (3/15 –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-infested plants, and over-ripe vegetables throughout the season. Plants should be trimmed before going to seed, or becoming overgrown and obstructing pathways.
7. Plots should be visited at least once a week, and shortly after any extreme weather events.
8. Any vegetative waste should be disposed of in the designated area.
9. No trash receptacle will be available; all trash should be taken home by each gardener.
10. Gardeners are responsible for weeding half of the path surrounding their plot.
11. No trees, shrubs, or perennials may be planted. This garden is for annual plants only.
12. Tobacco or cannabis products cannot be grown in the garden.
13. Any plant on the “NJ do not plant list” cannot be planted, in addition to Castor Bean (poisonous) and Mint (invasive). No “volunteer” plants i.e. unknown growth not planted by gardener should not remain in plot.
14. Plants should be no taller than 6’, so as not to shade other gardeners’ plots.
15. No sunflowers or corn may be planted. These plants attract deer.
16. Mulching individual plots with leaves, grass clippings, or straw to reduce water evaporation and to prevent unwanted weeds from growing is encouraged.
17. Water use is limited to 15 minutes per day, per plot. Please avoid water loss in aisles and be considerate of other waiting gardeners. No overhead watering is permitted.
18. Be careful not to damage other gardener’s plants with the hose while watering or cause a trip hazard with hose placement.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Access codes, keys, etc. cannot be shared with any persons not on the approved application.
22. The last gardener to leave, regardless of the time of day, should securely close and lock the gate.
24. 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.
25. Additional rules/regulations may be required from time to time by the Barrington Borough or the Green Team Garden Subcommittee.

## **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 corded)
- 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 or its "Failure to Maintain" policy may result in forfeiture of this plot, unrefunded. See Footnote (1).

## **Additional Items**

- Any rules to be added or eliminated later will be approved and set by the Green Team Subcommittee.
  - Community Garden Team
    - Gardener positions to be established each season: Site Maintenance Supervisor, Plot Maintenance Supervisor and for all duties see position descriptions from the Garden Liaison.
    - Green Team-Community Garden Liaison: Peggy Read [pegareadnj@gmail.com](mailto:pegareadnj@gmail.com)
  - Complaints, policies and mediations are the responsibility of the community garden supervisors with the Green Team having final authority.
  - Required Meetings: pre-season (Spring), end-of-season (Fall close); additional meetings and cadence to be decided by the Community Garden Subcommittee
  - Required Volunteer Hours: to be established by committee garden team, in addition to pre and post season clean up hours.
  - As a "Giving Garden", to prevent waste we request that any extra or unwanted plants/ vegetables be donated weekly in accordance with our Donation program, Locations and timelines.
  - Plot sizes, interior: 4'x 8' (single), 8' x 8.75' (double)
  - Pricing: \$32 (single), \$60 (double)
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Footnotes

(1) Forfeiture procedure (per Barrington): Neglected plots (including those not established by June 1st of each season) or those in violation of rules and procedures are subject to at two least warnings but can result in forfeiture of plot unrefunded. Warnings will be issued by the Community Garden Team or the Subcommittee.

**Gardener Confirmation**

Name:

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Date:

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Signature:

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