

**Barrington Bounty – Established by the Barrington Green Team
Community Garden for Barrington, NJ at 4th 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

Last revision 2025-01-29

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, not 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-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 or receptacles.
8. No trash receptacle will be available; all trash or litter 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. No “volunteer plants”, i.e. unknown growth not planted by gardener. Gardeners should know about what they are planting.
14. Plants should be no taller than 6’, 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 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 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.
23. 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.
24. 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 wired 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 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 Manager, Plot Manager; for all duties, see position descriptions from the Garden Liaison
 - Green Team-Community Garden Liaison: Peggy Read pegareadnj@gmail.com
- 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 to be decided by the Community Garden Subcommittee
- Required Volunteer Hours: to be established by CG governing body, in addition to pre- and post-season clean up hours
- As a "Giving Garden", to prevent waste, we request that any extra, unwanted or excessive plants or vegetables be donated weekly in the donation location established
- Plot sizes, interior: 4' x 8' (single), 8' x 8.75' (double)
- Pricing: \$32 (single), \$60 (double)

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:

Date:

Signature:

Addendum to Garden Rules (last revision 2025-01-29)

The Green Team Garden Subcommittee is adding the following rules to the current Garden Rules, effective March 5, 2026:

- #25 Plots should be visited at least once a week, and shortly after any extreme weather events.
- #26 Gardeners must have their plots cleared out by November 15th.
- #27 Plot renewals will be made available to gardeners in “good standing” who have:
 - 1. Maintained their plot throughout the gardening season; and
 - 2. Adhered to all garden rules; and
 - 3. Fulfilled all volunteer requirements as determined by the site manager and/or the plot manager.

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