SOUTH WINDSOR
Parks & Recreation

Community Garden Guidelines

Individual garden plots are to be used for growing vegetables and flowers for family use and not for commercial sales.

Harvesting another plot is strictly prohibited and only allowed with explicit permission from the plot owner and with a notification sent to the parks and recreation email.

Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Please keep all plants within the limits of your plot and do not place garden debris in adjacent gardens. Gardeners should visit and maintain their plots at least once a week.

Keep plot boundaries weeded and trash free.

No littering or dumping. Gardens are a carry in and carry out facility – trash free.

Water wells are available to gardeners. Please respect other users of water by using the "Y" connectors provided by the Town. Please detach your hose after each use and clear it from the walk ways and/or other gardener's plots. This is very important as it can cause a tripping hazard. Please use water according to water-wise guidelines and do not use more than the recommended amount of water. Report any water problems such as leaks or broken connectors to the Town Parks & Recreation Department via email: **rec@southwindsor-ct.gov**

Due to the health and safety of all participants and visitors the following is prohibited at the garden:

- Smoking or Alcohol consumption
- Herbicides/Pesticides – Organic Treatments only
- Glass containers
- Animals - Dog. Cats, etc
- Unsupervised Children - Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times.

All gardens are subject to occasional inspections. If the garden is not in compliance with the guidelines, an email notice will be sent. Two weeks later another inspection will be performed. If the garden is still not in compliance, the plot will be surrendered and all fees will be forfeited.

At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring. Any equipment left will be removed and any produce will be plowed under. Any plot holder who does not clean up and remove all stakes, string, rope, plastic or any other non-plant material risks forfeiting future gardening privileges.

Any bullying or inappropriate conduct (words, name calling, touching, etc) will not be tolerated. Please keep the Community Garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

Any violation of these rules will forfeit the rights to your garden plot
and potentially other Parks and Recreation Programming.

Happy Gardening!

Community Garden Guidelines Acknowledgment

Waiver of Participant by parent or self: In consideration of your accepting my or my child's registration and entry, I hereby for myself, my child, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I or my child may have against the Town of South Windsor or the Recreation; and its representatives, successors and assigns, for any and all injuries suffered by myself or my child at the activity sponsored by these groups. I understand there is inherent risk associated with the(se) activity(ies) and authorize emergency medical treatment and transportation in my absence. PHOTO RELEASE: THE SOUTH WINDSOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT MAY VIDEOTAPE OR TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED IN RECREATION ACTIVITIES CLASSES OR PROGRAMS. THESE PHOTOS AND/OR VIDEOTAPES MAY BE USED FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES. If any of the above participants are minors,, I certify by my signature that I am the custodial parent or guardian; or I have the expressed authorization of the custodial parent, or guardian to enroll said participant(s) in the specified activities listed.

I herby agree to abide by the guidelines of the South Windsor Community Gardens.

Signature (Required):_____

Print Name (Required):_____

Date (Required):_____

Plot Number/s (Required):_____