



WATERBORO COMMUNITY GARDEN

2022 Application Packet

PLEASE KEEP THE SECTION OF THE PACKET ON THE GUIDELINES OF WCG FOR YOUR REFERENCE. ONLY THE APPLICATION AND WAIVER FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED.

Dear Gardeners,

The Waterboro Community Garden's goal is to create a garden following mostly organic practices, provide affordable garden plots for growing healthy food and flowers, support a community of gardeners, promote food donation to help solve local hunger issues (our Food Pantry Beds) and promote a beautiful green and sustainable Waterboro.

To accomplish these goals we continue to make improvements. Most notably, we installed new fencing for critter control, replaced several of our rented beds and set up a new composting area. We provide water, loam and compost and have gardening implements on-site. We are looking forward to the 2022 season!

Please Note:

Season startup: Since there may be a waiting list for garden plots, once rented, each bed should be at least partially planted by the second Sunday in June (three weeks following Memorial Day Weekend). If an exception to this expectation is needed, members need to check with the WCG Committee, otherwise those plots will be re-assigned to people on the waiting list. This date will give the Committee the flexibility to re-rent the plot and allow enough time for the new gardener to plant.

Our rental year is from Oct 16, 2021 to Oct 15, 2022. This allows for the planting of garlic and/or cover crops in the fall.

We hope you consider joining us. If you are a new gardener reading this packet, or a returning gardener we welcome you and look forward to seeing you out in the garden!

Sincerely,

The Waterboro Community Garden Committee
24 Townhouse Rd.
E. Waterboro, ME 04030

WATERBORO COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES

Welcome to Waterboro Community Garden!

Our rules for WCG Members are based on one simple guideline – be a good neighbor and an active participant in our garden community!

Because we are diverse, with different gardening practices, we ask that you read and follow the guidelines offered here. If you have questions or concerns, we ask that you bring them to a WCG Committee member for clarification or email garden@waterboro-me.gov

WCG Garden Bed Rental Procedures:

Gardeners may rent one 4' x 24' plot based on availability. Priority will be given to seasonal or year-round residents of Waterboro. People who are not residents of Waterboro will be considered if beds are available after May 1.

The rental fee per plot is \$35 for first time gardeners and \$25 for continuing gardeners. Once an applicant has been notified that there is a bed available for them, checks payable to the *Town of Waterboro* can be mailed to Waterboro Community Garden, Waterboro Town Hall, 24 Townhouse Road, Waterboro, ME 04030 or dropped off at the Town Hall, Administrative Assistant's desk.

Each plot may be rented by an individual, two non-family individuals or a family. One person will be responsible for payment and for adherence to WCG practices. There is to be no sub-leasing of plots. Any member desiring to rent two plots can do so only with the prior approval of the committee.

WCG Garden Season Regulations:

1. Season startup: Since there may be a waiting list for garden plots, once rented, each bed should be at least partially planted by the second Sunday in June (three weeks following Memorial Day Weekend -- 6/20/22). If an exception to this expectation is needed, members need to check with the WCG Committee, otherwise those plots will be re-assigned to people on the waiting list. This date will give the Committee the flexibility to re-rent the plot and allow enough time for the new gardener to plant.

2. All Season Long: Gardeners are expected to maintain their plots to the best of their abilities, including periodic weeding and timely harvesting. It is each gardener's responsibility to keep the paths surrounding their garden bed clear of weeds and covered with woodchips to suppress weed growth. If any member has difficulty with this, the Committee and the member will discuss the situation and if it persists, there will be two written warnings (via email) and every measure taken to contact the gardener prior to the garden being deemed abandoned and its produce harvested for a Food Pantry donation. In such a case, no refunds will be made.

3. Season Close: All gardens must be cleared of plants and weeds by the fall season end date (to be determined by the committee and communicated to all gardeners). If any perennials are planted in a bed, they must be cut back and any seed heads removed in the fall. The Committee will not be responsible for any personal items left.

Volunteer Hours as part of WCG Membership

Part of being a member of the Waterboro Community Garden is participating in some of the general upkeep of the wider area. Gardeners are asked to fulfill a minimum volunteer commitment of six hours of work over the season. Any gardener renting two plots will be expected to complete a minimum of 12 hours. Of course, more than the expected minimum outlay is greatly appreciated! Gardeners can check with work committee heads about help that is needed and/or to volunteer to participate in weekly Waterboro Food Pantry harvests.

These Work Committees are:

- Food Pantry Gardens - Oksana Sigleski
- Perennial Gardens - Judi Carll
- Landscaping - Oksana Sigleski
- Volunteer Coordinator - Lisa Moulton
- Garden Bed Maintenance - Sandy Jorgensen
- Garden Shed and Equipment - Sandy Jorgensen
- Community Engagement - Brigit McCallum

Please contact any of the committee heads to discuss your interest and skills for work hours. Keeping track of volunteer hours is essential for successful grant applications, and WCG has benefitted from a number of grants in the past. Therefore, gardeners are asked to record their hours and report them to the Garden Coordinator who will maintain a record for each member. Hours submitted need to include the date, the amount of time volunteered, and general tasks performed. This info can be emailed to Lisa at moultonlisa4@gmail.com

Being a Good Neighbor at WCG:

Vegetables and flowers may be planted within the boundaries of each 4' x 24' garden bed. While perennials may be planted, they must be cut back in the fall if a bed is to continue to be rented by the same gardener. Garlic may be planted in the fall by renewing members as well.

Vines need to stay within one's bed and shade plants need to be kept away from impacting neighboring plots especially when planting tall crops such as pole beans, corn or sunflowers.

Use designated compost area for healthy plant matter only.

Personal tools or equipment are not to be left in the garden or the shed. WCG will not be responsible for lost or damaged personal property.

Diseased plants need to be removed by the gardener, not left in the WCG garden.

All trash is to be carried out. There is no trash container in the garden.

There will be no smoking or tobacco products in the Gardens area due to the dangers of mosaic virus. Cigarettes and other tobacco products may be infected and can spread the virus.

There are to be no pets inside the garden area

GARDEN PRODUCTS LIST

Unacceptable Products

Rotenone
Sevin or Eight
Diazinon
Malathion
Methoxychlor
Commercial Slug baits
Sabadilla
Copper
Chemical formulations
Weed preventive products, such as Preen, RoundUp

Acceptable, but Not Organic:

Green manure
Time released fertilizers: Miracle Gro, Miracid, Peters, Osmocote, etc.
5-20-5, 5-10-10 and variations

Acceptable Organic Products

Bt, m Track, MVP
ESPOMA (Garden-tone, Tomato-tone, Flower-tone, etc.)
NEEM
Insecticidal soaps
Pyrethrum
Summer Oil
Seaweed/fish preparations
Garlic, hot pepper, "kitchen" mixes
PRO GRO
Diatomaceous earth
Organic composts (Coast of Maine, etc.)
Sluggo
Sulfur
Wood ash
Aged Manures (non carnivorous)
Rock powders (lime, rock phosphate, greensand, granite dust)
Note: *Liquids may be applied by handheld trigger spray bottle only*

The Committee will provide a supply of NEEM and Diatomaceous Earth in the shed for all gardeners to use. Please ask for directions if unsure of their application.

If you are interested in using a product that is not on either list, or you are unsure about it, please contact us at: garden@waterboro-me.gov This list may be modified at the discretion of the Waterboro Community Garden Committee.

2021 APPLICATION FOR GARDEN PLOT



WATERBORO COMMUNITY GARDEN

***By filling out this application you are not guaranteed a plot as space is limited. Applicants, other than renewals in good standing, shall be awarded a bed on a first come-first served basis.**

Name (please print clearly): _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: (____) _____ Cell phone: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Do you have any special gardening needs? _____ (If yes, please describe) _____

Are you able to receive digital copies of invoices and renewal packets via email? _____

Are you a current renter? If yes, which plot? _____

Annual Cost :

4' x 24' plot: \$25.00 First time renters pay a \$10 security deposit (\$35.00 total). *Renewing gardeners in good standing will only be charged \$25 each renewing year.* One bed per applicant. Exceptions will be made only with committee approval.

***First-time applicants:** Fill out this application only and leave it at Town Hall. You will be notified if there is a bed available for you, *at which time* the first-year payment of \$35 will be due. Checks should be written out to the *Town of Waterboro* and in the memo space please write *community garden*. It may be left at Town Hall.

***Renewing Garden Members in good standing:** Payment must accompany this application for immediate acceptance.

I have read the entire packet, including the Garden Rules and the Waiver on the next page ***and I understand that my signature here and on the Waiver is an acceptance of the rules and I agree to abide by them.***

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

If younger than 18 years old, please have parent or guardian sign:

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

WAIVER

I agree to waive, release, absolve, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Town of Waterboro, members of the Waterboro Community Garden Committee, and their officers, agents, employees and volunteers from and against all damages, claims, demands, suits, or actions resulting from my occupancy or use of the Community Garden property. Damages waived may include, but are not limited to, damage, or loss of property or physical injury or death to me or to any other person. I assume all risks and hazards for myself and for any minor children with me incidental to the conduct of this activity, including but not limited to the risk of physical injury. I understand there is no insurance coverage provided by the Town or The Waterboro Community Garden Committee Members for this activity. Any insurance is my personal responsibility. I agree to act in a safe, prudent and responsible manner at all times while using the Waterboro Community Garden. I agree to be respectful of other people using the Community Garden and of their property.

I have read the entire packet, including the Waiver and the Garden Rules and I understand that my signature here is an acceptance of the rules and I agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/___

If younger than 18 years old, please have parent or guardian sign:

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/___

Please note: Our rental year is from Oct 16, 2021 to Oct 15, 2022. This allows for the planting of garlic and/or cover crops in the fall.