

GARDENER RULES

Farmington Woods Cooperative Garden

1) PLANTING, CLEARING, and WEEDING:

In keeping with the spirit of a true community garden, we urge you to take responsibility for your own garden. Regular weeding is not only essential for your own garden but is equally essential for those around you. Contact the committee chairperson if you need help or have concerns.

2) VOLUNTEER TIME:

Each gardener agrees to contribute time, on their own or with the group, to the upkeep and enhancement of the garden. Tasks that need to be done are posted in the kiosk. Group service days will be scheduled several times during the season.

3) MISCELLANEOUS (but still important):

Community tools and hoses must be returned neatly to designated areas & hoses properly coiled. **Personal Items and plants** within plots must be left alone as private property. Water only if asked. **Trash materials** should be placed in the proper trash receptacles.

Compostable plant material must be discarded over the hill to the left of the shed only.

No vehicles are permitted on the garden path for safety and insurance reasons.

Plants that are overgrown into other gardens, walkways or fences are not permitted.

Corn may not be grown, as it attracts raccoons.

Permanent trees, shrubs & furniture are not allowed.

Soils, fertilizers and pesticides must be certified for organic use.

Suggested brands include Bonide, Espoma, Earth-tone and BioSafe.

4) IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 15 Plot fees are due (if not received, plot will be reassigned)

JUNE 1 Plots must be cleared and ready for planting

NOVEMBER 1 Plots must be cleared of all DEAD material (Exceptions: perennials and plants still growing may remain until they die). Cages and trellis may remain in your garden, but must be secured. The FWCG is not responsible for stolen items.

5) FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THESE RULES may subject a plot holder to forfeiture of his/her garden plot, at the discretion of the FWCG Committee:

Gardens not cleared by June 1 will be subject to forfeiture for the current season. Plots not cleared by November 1 will be subject to forfeiture /non-renewal for the following seasons. The plot holder of any such garden will be given the courtesy of a phone call from a committee member in an effort to resolve the issue in a timely manner. If the matter is not resolved to the Committee's satisfaction within the agreed upon time, the plot holder will not be permitted to retain and/or renew his/her garden.

**Any issues should be brought to the attention of the FWCG committee
FWCG Committee Chairperson, Pat Figliola, 203-530-3528**

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