

Community Garden Rules Draft

The purpose of the Community Garden of East Hampton is to promote, create and maintain community gardens and encourage residents to better their own community through recreational fulfillment while learning to become better gardeners. We believe collaborative gardening activities result in community pride and unity.

Garden Plots serve 2 primary purposes:

1. To provide a food garden for the East Hampton Food Bank.
2. To provide individual plots for primarily East Hampton residents to grow food and flowers.

The East Hampton Community Garden at Cranberry Bog is open sunrise to sunset during the gardening season. Plots are approximately 4 feet by 10 feet in size. Maximum of 2 plots per family. Plots are assigned on a first come first serve basis. A donation is requested but not required. Each participant will also commit to participate in community garden work events at least 2 times per season with additional opportunities available during the season.

Registration information:

Name:

Address:

Primary phone number:

E-mail address:

Please choose from the following options, as many as apply:

I want to plant and maintain a garden that is dedicated to the Food Bank pantry (fee waiver and volunteer assistance available)

I want to plant and maintain a personal garden. Please note: I understand I will have the option of donating my surplus harvest to the food bank on Monday or Thursday 8-9:00 am.

I want to volunteer to assist the Community Garden, but do not want to maintain a personal plot

Community Garden Rules:

Garden:

To encourage pollination and pollinators, it is suggested that each plot should contain at least some flowers. Plots will contain annual plants and not perennial plants. Plants must be contained to the individual garden plots and not spill into the walkways. Mulches such as stone, carpet and artificial turf are prohibited. Newspaper or cardboard used as mulch must be properly secured to avoid littering. Although the gardens are not specified as “organic gardens,” the use of chemical pesticides or herbicides is prohibited. Access to water will be made available.

Weeds and Trash:

Pathways must be kept free of debris and equipment. Pulled weeds must not be left in pathways. Any garbage generated must be removed from the garden the same day. Flamers or torches are not permitted due to the risk of fire and personal safety. A compost area will be provided. Please do not put diseased or moldy plant material in the compost area. Bag them and transport them out of the Community Garden. Concrete may not be used to anchor fence posts. Gardeners may not store excess lumber, fencing mesh or other materials not needed for gardening at their plots for aesthetic and safety reasons. Gardeners may not dig channels or create berms outside of their plots. At the end of the season, all plant matter should be removed and properly disposed of, leaving a clean plot. This includes, but is not limited to removing dead plants, stakes, temporary fences, jugs, personal property, trash, etc.

Cooperation and Community:

Family members are welcome to the garden site. Children must be supervised by an adult. Walking across other plots is prohibited without permission of the plot's gardener. Pets, animals and livestock are not allowed in the Community Garden. Garden plots should not be left unattended for more than 2 weeks. If you plan to be away for longer, reach out to other gardeners or friends/family to check on your garden. Crops should be harvested when they are mature. Plot holders may not harvest crops from plots other than the ones they are assigned. The Community Garden is not responsible for personal property left on site. The use of poisons, firearms, lethal traps or similar dangerous methods to control pests in the garden is strictly prohibited.

Bottom line is respect the garden and each other.

I have read and agree to the rules as listed above: _____