

Bethlehem Community Garden at Swendsen Farm Preserve

Garden Plot Application

Name _____
Address _____
Email Address _____
Phone # _____
Plot Single (5x25 foot) \$10/season _____
Double (10x25 foot) \$20/season _____
Raised Bed \$10/season _____

Complete the following survey to help us know each other better:

I am a senior citizen _____
I have an allergy to bee stings _____ I carry an EpiPen _____
I have gardened before. My experience is _____

I am new to gardening and would like help with growing: _____

If I have extra produce or am away for an extended period, the produce I indicate in my garden plot can be donated to the Bethlehem Food Bank _____

I can help in the community garden food bank plots doing the following _____
(watering, weeding, fertilizing, harvesting, woodchipping the paths, etc.)

Please fill this form out and either drop with your check at the Bethlehem Library or bring to the garden and place in box on the table under carport. Checks to be written to **Bethlehem Conservation Commission** memo...community garden. Please hand any cash to garden managers.

I understand that I will be assigned a plot and that I will follow the attached guidelines. I agree to hold harmless the Bethlehem Conservation Commission, the garden coordinators and the town of Bethlehem CT from any claims for damages or injuries arising from the use of the garden.

Signed _____ Date _____

Bethlehem Community Garden Guidelines

1. We are an Organic Garden. This means we use organic fertilizers and non chemical means of controlling pests and weeds. We ask that all gardeners follow this approach in their gardening.
2. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Please water, weed, harvest your plot as needed and with an awareness that your neighbor is affected by what you do or don't do.
3. Please remove any trash from your plot meaning, bags, garden pots, etc. and discard at home.
4. All weeds and plant matter need to be placed in the compost pile at the east end of the garden. Please do not leave bins or wagons full of weeds in your plot.
5. Tools of all types are available for shared use. The community garden tools are marked with green tape and are in
 - 1.the large shed in the parking lot,
 - 2.tool shed at the entrance to the garden
 - 3.in plastic covered bins near the raised beds. Please return the tools to the appropriate containers.
And let us know if tools are broken.
6. Water....always a challenge. Ask to be shown how to turn the "master" hose on at the NW corner of the garden. And be sure the water is off when you are the last person to leave the garden.
7. Gates, Again the last person in the garden needs to be sure both gates are closed when departing.
8. Children need to be supervised in the garden...but they also need to be rewarded with raspberries, blueberries and peaches while at the garden!
9. Dogs are not allowed in the fence area of the garden.
10. Care of your plot at the end of the season is essential for good preparedness for next Spring planting. You are responsible to remove weeds, vegetable plants and discard in the compost pile.
11. WE NEED HELP! Our community garden provides produce to the Foodbank in town. We have provided between 1000-1500 pounds each year to those in need in town. We ask that each plot renter come to scheduled work days and/or weed and wine evenings and/or, help harvest, and/or take on a work in the "community plot" at one's own time to help.

Questions?

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