

BARRINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN LEASE AND USE AGREEMENT

The Barrington Community Garden (BCG) is a volunteer-run organic community garden for Barrington residents. This Lease and Use Agreement identifies the BCG terms, obligations, and prohibitions. The annual fee for leasing a 5' x 20' plot is \$25. Plots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, with preference given to returning gardeners. Enrollment is offered in the spring of each year by the BCG Steering Committee; specific dates are presented on the annual BCG calendar. For more information on the BCG, visit www.barringtoncommunitygarden.org.

General Terms

- ◆ The Barrington Community Garden (BCG) is open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week. Parking is permitted only when the garden is open and only in designated areas.
- ◆ Children are welcome, under adult supervision, and may rent a plot with written permission of their guardian. Pets are not allowed in the BCG.
- ◆ All Lessees must adhere to the *Barrington Community Garden Organic Guidelines*. Contribution to the BCG Composting Area must follow all rules established for that area.
- ◆ Water is available from spigots installed throughout the garden. Spigots should be turned on/off by the metal wheel handle (please do not use/reposition the red valve). Use of hoses is not permitted.
- ◆ All trash generated or brought in by the Lessee must be removed for curb-side disposal, using garbage bags provided by the Lessee.
- ◆ The Town of Barrington shall not be liable for any injury to persons or property resulting from community gardening or other on-site activities. Participation is at the Lessee's own risk.
- ◆ Failure to adhere to these terms may, at the BCG Steering Committee's discretion, result in termination of the lease and fee.

Lessee Obligations

- ◆ All Lessees are responsible for maintaining their leased plot **as well as** the common pathways located immediately north and east of the leased plot, up to the next plot or garden edge. Plots and pathways are to be kept weed-free and pathways covered by at least 2 inches of wood chips.
- ◆ Leased plots are to be cultivated no later than June 1st or will be considered forfeited, along with the annual fee, and made available for re-leasing.
- ◆ All personal tools and supplies are to be kept within the boundaries of the leased plot; community tools are to be returned to the shed after use.
- ◆ By the BCG autumn closing date, the leased plot must be cleaned of all plant debris, and all cages, stakes, fencing, etc. must be removed.
- ◆ **In addition to** maintaining the leased plot and adjoining north and east pathways, all Lessees are expected to volunteer a minimum of **four (4) hours per season per leased plot** for shared community garden tasks. These hours may be fulfilled during scheduled community work days (see yearly calendar), during project-specific work days, or at others time when pre-approved by a Steering Committee member.
- ◆ Assigned plots are not transferrable without permission from the BCG Steering Committee.

Prohibitions

- ◆ Removing crops from other's plots is prohibited unless permission is granted by the plot's Lessee.
- ◆ On-site commercial sale of plants, fruits, and/or vegetables from the BCG is prohibited.
- ◆ No permanent structures are permitted in the leased plot, except for raised bed structures.
- ◆ Smoking, hunting, planting/use of illegal plants, and fires are prohibited.



Barrington Community Garden Organic Guidelines

The Barrington Community Garden is a fully organic garden where the use of synthetic fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides is generally not allowed. Proper cultivation techniques, such as mulching, hoeing, proper watering, plant spacing, and hand-weeding, can address most garden issues. Other allowable materials and products are contained on two lists:

- Materials approved for use in organic gardens by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **National Organic Program (NOP)**; U.S. Code Title 7: Agriculture, Part 205-National Organic Program, Subpart G (<http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?rgn=div5&node=7:3.1.1.9.32#sg7.3.205.g.sg0>); and,
- Products listed on the **Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)** Product List for crop production (<http://www.omri.org/omri-lists/download>).

Below is a short list of allowed materials; this list is not comprehensive. Most commercial products suitable for organic use will be labeled as such or carry the OMRI logo. Consult the sources above for more complete listings.

Fertility and Soil Amendments (should only be used when known to be needed)

- Animal and plant products, such as bone, blood, or feather meal; kelp/seaweed; or fish emulsion
- Finished compost (plant, manure, lobster, etc.)
- Compost tea
- Green manure and cover crops (e.g., winter rye)
- Rock minerals, such as agricultural lime, dolomitic lime, greensand, rock phosphates, and gypsum

Weed Control

- Mulch, such as straw, salt-marsh hay, newsprint, or commercial mulch made of non-glossy, non-colored paper.
- Non-GMO corn gluten meal (pre-emergent control – prevents seeds from sprouting)
- Agricultural vinegar (non-specific – will kill anything)

Plant Pests and Diseases (should only be used when known to be needed and effective for problem condition)

- Biological and microbial products, such as *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), *Bacillus subtilis*, or spinosad
- Organic insecticidal soap
- Diatomaceous earth
- Minerals, such as elemental sulfur; potassium or sodium bicarbonate; kaolin clay; or copper/lime mixture
- Horticultural oils - narrow range petroleum, vegetable, and fish oils
- Pheromones and pheromone traps; sticky traps
- Plant-derived substances, such as pyrethrum

Allowable Construction Material

Any natural or inert material is suitable for use in constructing raised beds, plant cages, and trellis structures, such as:

- Untreated wood (wood should be presumed treated unless there is information to the contrary).
- Brick/stone
- Metal (e.g., aluminum, copper, steel), including wire
- Sisal/jute/twine
- Bamboo stakes

Materials that are not allowed for constructing raised beds, plant cages, and trellis structures at the BCG include:

- CCA-treated wood or old railroad ties
- Plastic lumber
- Plastic or synthetic mulch

Plastic-coated cages, stakes, black nylon/plastic trellis netting (but not orange construction fencing), plastic cable ties, synthetic row covers, and PVC piping for constructing plant cages or trellis structures is permitted; however, *all plastic/synthetic material must be removed at the end of each season. Raised bed structures may stay.*

If you have questions, just ask us.

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Acceptance

I hereby confirm that I have read and understand the 2016 Barrington Community Garden Lease and Use Agreement and all referenced attachments and agree to abide by it.

I understand that failure to uphold any of the lease terms may, at the discretion of the BCG Steering Committee, result in termination of the lease and fee.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Barrington and/or its employees and volunteers from claims or liability related to any injury, accident, damage, or loss that may occur in association with any community gardening or related activities by myself, family members, or my guests.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

- I am renewing my lease from last year and would like to keep the same plot (Plot # _____)
- I am renewing my lease from last year, but would like to request a different plot.
- I am a new Lessee.
- I would like to obtain a second plot (this is subject to plot availability after the returning and new lease offerings are completed. Second plots may be selected from available plots; no guarantee of leasing a plot adjoining the primary leased plot is made).

Please make out all checks to "The Town of Barrington" with "BCG" in the note section.

For Town/BCG Committee Use Only

Receipt of Lease Payment _____
(Steering Committee Member signature and payment reference)

Plot Assigned _____ Date _____

