

Guidelines/Rules for the Schroon Lake Community Gardens

Mission: The Schroon Lake Community Garden seeks to build strong community bonds through organic gardening. We seek to provide a space for education, sharing and food production for all residents wishing to participate. We encourage volunteer participation and support of local food charities.

WE GARDEN in an ECO-FRIENDLY WAY. NO pesticides, NO herbicides, NO weedkillers, NO artificial fertilizers.

- The Garden will contain both collective areas and individual plots.
- Plots are available to individuals, families and organizations for a \$15 rental fee.
- Proceeds from plot rental will support the garden directly through soil enrichment, seed and tool purchases and communication.
- No permanent structures may be added to the property
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed in the garden
- To create a safe and relaxing environment, please refrain from smoking or playing loud music.
- No auto watering systems or drip irrigation allowed and Gardeners must be present in the gardens while watering.
- During the garden season (May through September) gardeners must maintain their plot with activities to include tilling, soil amendments, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing and watering etc
- Garden plots are to be used for growing flowers and vegetable for personal or charitable use only. Commercial growing or growing trees is not allowed.
- Please be considerate of your neighbors when growing tall plants as they can impact the amount of sun on someone else's plot
- All perennial plant material and semi-permanent structures (such as cages and trellises) must be removed at the end of the growing season
- Gardeners are responsible for disposing of any unwanted plant materials and non-plant materials as well. The Town will not pick up any trash of any kind.
- Since plots are close together, please keep plot borders free of weeds, vines or other plant material which could spoil the enjoyment of neighboring plots.
- Plants of an invasive nature are not allowed in the ground. Plants such as mint (very invasive) must be well-contained in a pot or planter. Plants on the state's noxious weed list (<http://plants.USDA.gov/java/noxious>) are not allowed.
- Closely supervise your children. Picking a bouquet for Mommy out of someone else's plot is not OK.
- Removal of vegetables, flowers, or garden equipment without the owner's consent is theft, the same as any other theft. Please respect other's garden plots.
- When you no longer want your plot, you must notify the Chamber.