Community Gardens Rules

TOWN OF VERNON PARKS & RECREATION

1. Returning gardener registration begins February 1, 2026.
2. All un-rented plots become available to new gardeners on March 1, 2026.
3. All plots are approximately 25' X 25'. Gardeners may not move any of their plot corner posts.
4. Plots will be harrowed (weather permitting) approximately one week before opening day. Opening day is weather pending.
5. All plots are marked on the top left corner post.
6. Your registration receipt will serve as your proof of rental. You must have it with you at all times at the Garden.
7. Fertilizing, weeding and soil treatment of your rented plot is the responsibility of the gardener. Only pesticides approved by the CT DEEP Pesticide Compliance Division may be used. The Parks and Recreation Department has final determination in the use of specific products.
8. Parks and Recreation does not maintain any rented or un-rented plots.
9. Parks and Recreation does not trap, kill or relocate any wildlife residing at or near the Community Gardens.
10. No poisonous or illegal plants are allowed in the gardens. Parks and Recreation has final determination in what plants are allowed to be grown at the Community Gardens.
11. Water is available on site. The code for water access will be emailed to all gardeners prior to season opening.
12. Hoses **CANNOT** be attached to the water spigot at any time. Gardeners may use the on-site water to fill pales, buckets and/or watering cans.
13. Parking on the roadway, Disc Golf Course, Softball Fields, Soccer Fields and/or Garden Plots is prohibited. Parking is available in several locations around the gardens.
14. Gardeners cannot plant within one foot of their plot line. This is to allow plot access to the middle of the gardens.
15. Gardeners renting multiple plots **CANNOT** fence multiple plots together; proper access must be available at all times. Any fencing which does not provided proper access to internal plots will be removed by the Parks and Recreation Department, the plot renter will be billed a $200.00 clean up fee.
16. All loose trash and recyclable items must be placed in bins when you leave each day.
17. Plots must be completely cleared out by November 1, 2026. Organic materials should be placed in the location indicated on plot map. All other materials must be placed in the trash receptacles. Any site not cleared by the above date, will be billed a $200.00 per plot clean up fee. All items removed by Parks and Recreation will be immediately taken for disposal.
18. Failure to comply with Community Garden rules may result in immediate forfeiture of garden privileges for the remainder of the season and future seasons.