

**Sudbury Conservation Commission
Lincoln Meadows Community Gardens
2011 Rules and Regulations**

Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with above regulations during the season, will result in a loss of present and future gardening privileges

1. The garden is open to the public but public is not permitted to enter into any of the garden plots except when invited by the gardener. Public is permitted on the paths, trails, and the main access road.
2. No planting of invasive vegetable, herb, or flower species.
3. Each gardener must clear his or her plot of corner stakes, fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic materials before Nov. 1.
4. Clean up fee: Gardeners who fail to make their plots plow ready may be subject to a non-refundable clean up fee of \$15.
5. All water collection/storage containers must be capped so we don't increase the mosquito population.
6. The garden area is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week.
7. Please use environmentally sound practices. This means IPM use of most benign compounds and the use of application methods in a way to avoid drift and effects on pollinators and other non-target organisms.

To protect the Town's water supply and the health of fellow gardeners NO herbicides may be used in garden plots.

Inorganic Gardeners: Insecticides and fungicides approved by US EPA, and MA Pesticide Bureau may be used in plots; such as 5-10-10 (N-P-K). Care must be taken to keep sprays and dust from drifting out of plot.

Organic gardeners may use manure or other natural materials approved for organic use.

No animal traps or poisons are allowed.

8. No permanent fixtures may be installed in a plot. Temporary, seasonal fences may be installed but must be removed in their entirety by Nov. 1. Fences shall be installed in a manner which will not trap birds, dragonflies, or other large insects (i.e. fencing shall not be doubled-over)

Several varieties of snakes (garter, milk, ring-neck, etc.) and pickerel frogs are common. They are harmless. Do not handle, harm, or harass them in any way.

9. Only biodegradable mulches or removable plastic is to be used.
10. Gardeners must keep all tools and gardening supplies within their assigned garden plots. Each gardener is responsible for keeping the aisle and area surrounding the plot free and clean of weeds, trash and tools. Gardeners may compost within their own plot. Any vines or large plants should be chopped so the area can be plowed under the next spring.
11. Although we will attempt to keep the gate unlocked. Members will still have keys in case we find locking is necessary. Only members may have keys, and no copying of keys is permitted. If you need additional keys or lose your key, the Garden Coordinator will make a copy for you. A \$2.00 deposit is required per key.
12. By June 30, if a reserved plot does not show clear evidence of active gardening, the plot may be reassigned by the SCC.
13. Water is provided ONLY via the on-site manual hand pump. The water is intended to be used by gardeners to augment initial planting and seeding. On site water availability becomes limited or non-existent during dry times of the year. Water may be brought to the Garden in hand-held containers. **Tying into nearby wells is strictly prohibited.**
14. Gardeners must follow all local, state and federal laws and regulations.
15. Garden plots are issued through the Sudbury Conservation Commission (SCC). A fee of \$20.00 per growing season is assessed to cover plowing, staking, and compost expenses. This fee is not refundable.
16. Plots are assigned every April with payment due at the time of plot reservation. Gardeners from the previous season have the first choice of plots the following year. The SCC reserves the right to limit the number of plots assigned to any one person. Due to variations in plowing and staking, numbered plots may not be located exactly in the same place as the previous year.
17. All persons assigned a plot are subject to the noted rules and regulations. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the assigned gardening plot and gardening privileges.
18. Children and pets must be supervised at all times and accompanied by an adult. Please do not allow children to play with the pump.
19. Amplified sound is not permitted except through headphones.

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