



Welcome to the Eatontown Community Garden

Dear Gardener,

Thank you for your interest in the Eatontown Community Garden. Eatontown is excited for the 2022 gardening season to begin.

We welcome all new gardeners and hope to see many new faces this year. The Eatontown Community Garden was developed by the Eatontown Green Team in partnership with the Mayor, Council, and Borough of Eatontown. Currently, and new this year, the garden is part of the many offerings presented by the Eatontown Recreation Department. The garden is located on Grant Avenue in Eatontown, across from Husky Brook Park. All gardeners are invited attend and participate in the monthly gardening meetings. These meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of every month, from 7:00pm - 7:30pm.

Weather permitting, we anticipate the open of our garden season to be March 1st. DPW will turn off the water in the Fall (specific date will be determined based on the weather and gardeners may not be given advanced notice). Gardeners will have access to the Community Garden until November 30th.

The 2022 Garden Rules and Responsibilities have been updated. It is required that all returning and newly interested gardeners carefully review and familiarize themselves with the Garden Rules and Responsibilities.

Registration for participation in the Community Garden will be taken online through the Recreation Department's registration software: www.eatontownnj.com/recreation/signup

If you are unable to register online, need assistance with registering, or have questions/concerns, please reach out to the Recreation Department and the office staff will be able to assist you.

Happy Gardening,
Eatontown Recreation
(732) 389-7607
communitygarden@eatontownnj.com

2022 GARDEN SEASON—RULES & REGULATIONS

These rules are intended to help all gardeners grow fresh, healthy plants in a thriving garden, to help create a sense of community among gardeners, and to help the Eatontown Community Garden be a good neighbor in the Borough of Eatontown. These rules are subject to change at any time as deemed necessary or beneficial by the Eatontown Recreation Department and Community Garden Advisory Committee.

1. **Plots/Season:** Large plots measure four feet by twenty feet. Small plots measure four feet by ten feet. A maximum of (4) plots per household is allowed. The garden season begins in March and ends in November. Gardeners will have the right to garden their plots for the season in compliance with these Rules and Responsibilities. Household and family members may garden with the gardener.
2. **Applications:** All gardeners, returning or new, must apply each season. Returning gardeners must register by March 31st to renew their plot location. Returning gardeners who do not submit completed applications with payment before March 31st are subject to the loss of their plot. To the extent possible, gardeners will maintain their rights to plant their same plot year after year.
3. **Fees:** A fee payment of \$25 for each large plot and \$15 for each small plot, payable to "Borough of Eatontown," and marked "Eatontown Community Garden" will be made with the application. This fee will be refunded in the event that no plots are available. In no other event will this fee or any other expenses incurred by the gardener be refunded or reimbursed.
4. **No Transfers:** Gardeners may not transfer plot gardening rights to others without the written consent of the Recreation Department and Community Garden Advisory Committee.
5. **Utilization:** Gardens will be planted promptly. Plots not planted to at least twenty percent usage by June 1st are subject to reassignment. At any time during the season, plots that appear abandoned in the opinion of the Recreation Department and/or Community Garden Advisory Committee are subject to corrective action and/or reassignment if not corrected upon notice. Commercial operations are prohibited. If you have surplus of vegetables or fruits, please contact the Eatontown Food Co-Op at (732) 542-0882 to donate, or feel free to share them with your neighbors.
6. **Planting:** Planting of invasive species is prohibited. Common mint, catnip, Jerusalem artichokes, comfrey, raspberries, tobacco, and cannabis are examples of prohibited plants. Keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of your plot to prevent shading on neighboring plots. Be mindful of distancing when planting to avoid growth into neighboring plots and aisle-ways.
7. **Garden Aisles:** There are aisles between Gardner's plots. Gardeners are required to maintain and weed their plot as well as the boarding aisles. Keep plot boundaries weeded and trash free. Keep plot edges and fencing free of weeds that will go to seed. Aisle-ways must be debris free.
8. **No power equipment** allowed by the gardeners.
9. **Children/Pets:** Pets or other animals may not be brought into the Garden. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
10. **Waste Material:** Plant refuse piles are set up for the weeds and diseased plants. The location to dump these items will be clearly marked. Please do not discard trash or kitchen scraps in these piles. Dispose of trash properly by taking it home. We "carry in and carry out" our trash. Place all vegetative materials in the clearly marked bins/piles.
11. **Compost and Wood Chips:** Homemade compost is prohibited. Compost will be provided for the garden by the Department of Public Works in the first week of April. Wood chips are to be used to layer in the aisle-ways to reduce weeds. The wood chips will be provided by the Department of Public Works the first week of April and in July. Do not use wood chips in your plot.
12. **Water:** Water spigots at the t-stands and the hydrants must be turned off when not in use. Unattended watering is not permitted.
13. **Chemicals:** The use of herbicides (weed-killers) and pesticides is strictly prohibited. Biodegradable mulch, such as compost, leaves and hay, are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Non-organic materials are prohibited. Black plastic is allowed, but must be removed at the end of each season.
14. **Plot Markers:** The stakes that mark your plot's corners have your plot number and name and must be left in place all season. Each plot will be rented with cornered stakes to mark your plot. Additional stakes are the responsibility of each gardener should they wish to have more.
15. **Structures/Fixtures:** Raised beds beyond 6" in height are prohibited. Containers are also prohibited. No pots, planters, bottles, etc. are to be used for planting. Fences, lattice, or similar structures above 5', measured from the ground, that significantly restrict light and airflow are prohibited. All structures and fixtures must be removed on abandonment or termination.
16. **Community Storage Shed:** There is a shed on site for community use. If you use the garden's tools, please clean and return them to the storage area when done. All items in the shed are community property and are for community use. Do not leave personal items in the shed as they will automatically become community shared items.
17. **Garden Access:** All gardeners will be provided with the gate lock combination once registered. Please keep this code confidential. It is important to keep the gate closed at all times. Lock the gate when you are the last to leave.
18. **Parking:** The roadway into the garden is for drop-off only. There are three handicapped parking spots located outside of the garden. Handicap placard must be displayed. All additional parking must be done at the Husky Brook parking lot.
19. Do not touch other gardeners plots without permission.
20. **Compliance with the Law:** Gardeners will comply with all applicable laws and governmental regulations in all activities relating to the Garden.
21. **Failure to Comply/Termination: Failure to comply with these rules may result in termination of plot usage rights.**

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Online Registration is preferred: www.eatontownnj.com/recreation/signup

Use this form only if you do not have computer/internet access.
Please be advised, e-mail is our primary method of communication.

Eatontown Community Garden Application & Contract

Date: _____

Gardener's Full Name: _____

Address

Email: _____

Applicant Status (circle 1)

Returning New

I already have a Community

Pass Account (circle 1)

Yes No Unknown

Home Phone#: _____

Cell Phone#: _____

Plot Size: (Include qty per plot, maximum of (4) total plots.)

_____ Large Plot (4' x 20') - \$25 per plot

_____ Small Plot (4' x 10') - \$15 per plot

_____ total amount due

Please contact Eatontown Recreation with any questions by email at communitygarden@eatontownnj.com or by phone (732) 389-7607.

The Borough of Eatontown, the Eatontown Community Garden Advisory Committee and their agents, employees, and officers 1) shall not be held liable for failure to perform or fulfill their contractual obligation for any reason within or beyond their control, 2) shall not be held liable for damages, loss or injury for any reason within or beyond their control and 3) shall not be liable for any theft, damage to, loss of, or replacement of any belongings, equipment, materials, tools, or plantings. Insurance for such loss, damages or injury shall be the sole responsibility of each Gardener at their own expense. The Gardener shall indemnify and hold harmless the Borough of Eatontown, the Eatontown Community Garden Advisory Committee and their respective agents, employees, and officers against all claims, damages, losses and expenses that may result or arise in regard to the Gardener participation in the Eatontown Community Garden.

I, the undersigned applicant, have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Eatontown Community Garden Rules and Responsibilities (reverse/attached). I agree that failure to comply with these rules may result in termination of plot usage rights. I expressly release the Borough of Eatontown, the Eatontown Community Garden Advisory Committee and their agents, employees, and officers from any and all liability for any damage, injury or loss to any person or good which may arise from participation.

Applications without signature will not be accepted.

Signature & Date _____

Mail or drop off this completed application with your plot fee (payable to "Borough of Eatontown," marked "Eatontown Community Garden") to:

Eatontown Recreation
Attn: Eatontown Community Garden
47 Broad Street
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724

If no plots are currently available, the applicant will be notified and placed on a waiting list, and fee payment will be refunded, until a plot becomes available.