

WAYLAND COMMUNITY GARDENS APPLICATION

RETURNING GARDENERS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Name: _____

I would like to request my previously rented plot(s) from last year: YES NO

o Plot(s) to be rented in 2024: _____

Changes to contact information, if any: _____

NEW GARDENERS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

All gardeners should mail or deliver their completed application and rental fee to the Wayland Conservation Department at the following address. For community garden related questions please contact the Wayland Conservation Department at conservation@wayland.ma.us.

Town of Wayland
Conservation Department
41 Cochituate Road
Wayland, MA 01778

PLOT FEES: All plots are approximately 20 feet by 30 feet. One gardener can rent up to four plots.

Wayland Resident

Regular: \$20.00

Senior: \$16.00

Non-Wayland Resident

Regular: \$25.00

Senior: \$20.00

OPTIONAL

I would like to order straw bales for my garden plot. Bales are typically delivered in June.

- \$12.00 per bale. Number of bales: _____. Included in submitted check or cash amount.

I would like to donate a \$10 watering fee, included in submitted check or cash amount.

PAYMENT

I have attached to this application a check (made payable to the "Town of Wayland") or cash amount for \$ _____.

WAIVER

I consent for my contact information to be shared with other members of the Wayland Community Gardens.

By signing this application I recognize the Wayland Conservation Department as the entity responsible for managing and coordinating the Wayland Community Gardens. I have also read the Wayland Community Garden Rules and agree to abide by the regulations governing the Wayland Community Gardens. Failure to comply with the Wayland Community Garden Rules or requests from the Conservation Department will result in forfeiture of garden plots and potential future banning from the Wayland Community Gardens. I hereby release and covenant to hold harmless the Town of Wayland, its agents, contractors, and employees from any and all actions, claims and damages for losses, personal injuries and disabilities that I may sustain as a result of my participation in the Wayland Community Garden program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Garden Access

The Wayland Community Gardens are located on property owned and managed by the Wayland Conservation Commission at Cow Common Conservation Area. The garden road is located at 60 Old Sudbury Road, just south of the Cow Common parking lot. Depending on the condition of the garden road, the gate to the Community Gardens typically opens in April and stays open until November. Gardeners may use the gardens between sunrise and sunset each day. Gardeners may park in the grassy lot on the right before entering the gardens, in the main Cow Common parking lot, or along the garden road provided that other vehicles can pass safely. Gardeners may not park in the ditches along the garden road or in the turnarounds located at the end of the garden road and near the compost heap. Gardeners are urged to be cautious when using the garden road after a significant rain event, the area is prone to saturation and becomes very muddy.

Protecting Natural Resources

As you tend your garden plots this season, please keep in mind that the Wayland Community Gardens are under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. Protecting the natural resources of this property is a priority for Conservation Department Staff and a fundamental mission of the Conservation Commission. Please do your part in helping us protect these valuable natural resources:

- The Sudbury River Flood Plain
- Wetlands and riverfront protected under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Wayland Town Bylaw Chapter 194
- Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program – Priority Habitats of Rare Species
- Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program – Estimate Habitats of Rare Species
- Species of Conservation Concern (BioMap2): Native Massachusetts species that are listed under the state Endangered Species Act or listed in the State Wildlife Action Plan
- Critical Natural Landscape (BioMap2): Natural communities with limited distribution and the best examples documented of more common types of communities.
- Core Habitat (BioMap2): Identifies key areas to ensure the long-term persistence of species of conservation concern, exemplary natural communities, and intact ecosystems across the Commonwealth.

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WAYLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

VIOLATORS OF THE WAYLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES WILL HAVE GARDEN PRIVILEGES REVOKED.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO REPORT ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT AT

CONSERVATION@WAYLAND.MA.US

COVID-19 Community Garden Guidelines

- Gardeners should practice appropriate social distancing guidelines and wear a mask when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Gardeners should avoid sharing tools whenever possible.

Garden Rules

- Four plot maximum per renter.
- Half plots are not available.
- Plots may not be passed along to other people. The Conservation Department is the sole administrator of plots.
- The ditches along the garden road must be kept free of debris. Do not park on, mow, or alter the vegetation in the ditches.
- Any rented, but unused garden plot that remains unused after July 1st, will be considered abandoned. Abandoned plots may be rented by current or new gardeners. Fees for rented plots are not refundable.
- Gardeners are responsible for trimming vegetation that is overhanging or obstructing the garden alleyways. Conservation Department staff will be responsible for mowing alleyways and other areas deemed necessary.
- Do not trap or poison wildlife. Remember that the Community Gardens are located on protected land managed by the Wayland Conservation Commission.
- Report water leaks to the Conservation Department.
- Keep the garden area free of litter. Use the compost area for Community Garden generated compost only.
- Do not discard, store, or plant anything outside your plot.
- Children must be supervised.
- Do not allow pets outside of your plot unless leashed and supervised.
- Do not use power equipment before 8:00AM or after 6:00PM
- Use earphones for audio equipment.
- Do not trespass into other garden plots or use their tools without permission.
- No nudity.

Rented Garden Plot Rules

- Garden fencing may only be six feet high. Electric fences are not allowed.
- You may use organic mulch or row cover to suppress weeds within your plot. Please maintain your garden so as not to infringe on other gardener's ability to garden. We recommend at least three hours per week of weeding during the peak growing season.
- Do not use rugs or other non-biodegradable coverings to suppress weeds.
- Do not connect hoses to the town faucets to transport water or to irrigate.
- Do not use herbicides or pesticides of any kind.
- Do not trap, kill, or harm wildlife. DO Not use any ultrasonic or any sound repellent devices.
- Do not grow any cannabis.
- **No fill, soil, compost, or manure of any kind may be brought into the gardens without the approval of the Conservation Department.**

Community Garden Timeline of Events

- March – Applications go out to returning gardeners and Garden Cleanup Day
- April – Garden gate opens for the season and unrented plots become available for rental
- June – Straw bales are typically ordered and delivered
- July – Rented, but unused plots will become available to current and new gardeners
- November – Garden closes for the season