These rules and regulations apply to each and every gardener. Wayland Housing Authority Community Gardens are for growing flowers and vegetables only. Children are welcome in the garden areas ONLY IF they are accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.

## Assignment

• The WHA will assign garden plots at the beginning of the growing season. If the number of requests exceeds the number of garden spots, the WHA will perform a lottery with preference given to the prior year's participant. After assignment, gardeners may not reassign their garden plot without the approval of the WHA.

## **Community Storage Bin and Equipment**

• All gardeners will have access to the Community Storage Bin for access to tools and watering equipment.

## Water Bans or Restrictions

• Gardeners must comply with any water ban or use limitation imposed by the Town of Wayland.

## **Tending Your Garden**

- Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot, including watering, weeding, harvesting, removing debris, and all related tasks.
- Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
- Gardeners should tend to their garden plots at least once every week.
- Gardeners must notify the WHA office if they are not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks, that plot is subject to reassignment by the WHA.
- At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all personal property, equipment, and plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.

## Fertilizers, Herbicides, and Pesticides

- Gardeners must obtain approval from the WHA office prior to using any chemicals in their plot.
- Gardeners are prohibited from using herbicides (weed killer) and pesticides (insect killer) in their plots.
- Gardeners are prohibited from using urine or human waste as fertilizer.
- When using fertilizers, gardeners must ensure that they follow label directions and take every precaution to prevent application of chemicals from getting into neighboring plots. Be aware and mindful of what you are using in your plot.

# **Tools and equipment**

• Gardeners may store gardening tools in the Community Storage Bin, with the understanding that tools and watering equipment kept in the Community Storage Bin are for community garden use by any gardener.