

**ATTLEBORO AREA COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
**A Joint Project of the Attleboro Land Trust and the City of Attleboro**  
**Managed by the Attleboro Land Trust, Inc.**  
**2017 GARDENER RULES AND CONTRACT**

**1. Donation and Use of Plot.** Each gardener is asked to make a donation of \$20 per plot. Checks should be made out to the Attleboro Land Trust (ALT) and given or mailed, with this signed contract, to the Garden Coordinator. Your donation will make possible the purchase of garden supplies, as well as supporting special events. No person will be denied a plot because of his or her inability to make a donation.

**Please do not reserve a plot unless you intend to use it.** There is a waiting list of people wishing to garden. If your circumstances change and you are unable to use your plot, please notify the Garden Coordinator immediately so that the plot can be re-assigned to someone waiting on the list. Only one plot per household.

If the plot is not prepared and planted by **May 31**, the ALT will assume the person who has reserved the plot is not intending to garden the plot this year or is unable to do so. Any such plot will be offered to persons on the waiting list. If you know in advance of May 31 that you will not use your plot, please contact the Garden Coordinator.

If you do not wish to garden, but would merely like to make a donation, the ALT welcomes contributions in any amount. Please designate for either Community Garden or for unrestricted use to further the conservation and educational mission of the ALT.

**2. General Maintenance.** Gardeners are expected to maintain their garden plot throughout the season. Care includes keeping the paths around the garden plots free of weeds, rocks, and trash. If a plot is not maintained, the gardener will be given one week's notice to clean it up. If a gardener must abandon a plot the Garden Coordinator should be notified as soon as possible.

**3. Abandonment.** If a plot appears to be abandoned, the plot gardener will be contacted and given one week to begin caring for the plot. After a week, if there is no sign of activity, the plot will be reassigned.

**4. NO Use of Chemicals & Use of Fences.** The garden is to be organic, and, as such, no chemical fertilizer, herbicides or pesticides may be used in any garden plot. Fences are allowed inside the plot area provided they are well maintained and they DO NOT block the sun from any other plot and they DO NOT block the paths between the plots.

**5. Consideration for Other Gardeners.** Each gardener should respect all other gardeners and garden plots and therefore shall not trespass on or litter other garden plots. Plots must stay within assigned boundaries so that paths are open to foot traffic and wheelbarrows. Plot extensions, including pots or furniture outside the plot borders, are not allowed. The ALT recommends that gardeners harvest crops as soon as they ripen in order to minimize theft. Children are welcome to visit the garden with adult gardeners but must be under adult supervision to avoid disturbing other gardeners and their crops.

**6. Water.** The City of Attleboro generously supplies water for the Garden. Special valves on each spigot prevent backflow and should not be removed. Care should be taken not to waste water. Water is to be used only for watering garden plots. If a hose is used make sure the hose is not dragged over other plots. Please return the hose, after use, and hang on the hose rack in large loops with no kinks.

**7. Tools.** Tools made available to gardeners must be shared and returned when one is finished using them. The tools will be placed on a rack near the Compost Storage Area. Gardeners are encouraged to bring their own tools, if possible.

**8. Garden Objects.** Large objects, such as tables, chairs, benches, or trash barrels, may not be brought to or left at the garden. If not removed, such items will be confiscated.

**9. Alcohol.** Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the Community Garden. This is a rule of the ALT and the City of Attleboro and will be strictly enforced.

**10. Garden Waste.** A spot will be designated for piling weeds from the garden plots. No other trash receptacles will be provided. It is the gardener's responsibility to remove all pots, trays, labels and any other waste. When removing diseased plant material, please take it home and dispose of it with your household waste to prevent contaminating the plots of your fellow Community Gardeners.

**11. Topsoil and Compost.** Topsoil and Compost may be available at the beginning of the gardening season and is available on a first-come, first-served basis, for use in the Community Garden only.

**12. Fall Clean-Up and Volunteer Hours.** All gardeners, or if a gardener is out of town, an appropriate representative, must participate in Fall Clean-Up of the Community Garden. The Clean-Up will be scheduled by the Attleboro Land Trust (ALT) on a Saturday morning in late October or early November - it is tentatively **scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 with a rain date of Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.** Gardeners are also asked to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours during the season to help with maintenance and/or garden activities.

**13. Indemnity.** The undersigned gardener shall indemnify and save harmless the Attleboro Area Community Garden Committee of the Attleboro Land Trust, Inc., The Attleboro Land Trust, Inc., the City of Attleboro and their respective representatives and sponsors from all costs, losses, damages and liabilities of any kind or nature, arising from or in any way related to the gardener's use of the Attleboro Area Community Garden and hereby releases and forever discharges the foregoing from any and all claims or demands for injury to persons or damage to property while present in or around the Attleboro Area Community Garden.

I have read the above rules, regulations and guidelines and agree to abide by them. I understand that violation of the foregoing may result in the loss of my plot, at the sole discretion of the Attleboro Land Trust, Inc. *(Please deliver this signed contract to the ALT as provided in paragraph 1 above, retaining a copy for yourself. The ALT will notify you of your assigned plot number.)*

Gardener(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name(s) (to be assigned by ALT)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount Enclosed : \_\_\_\_\_ Cash Check

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**Renewal:** Gardeners in good standing may renew their plot for the following year by submitting this application by March 1.

**Garden Coordinator** If a gardener has any questions or concerns, please contact Juliet Teixeira at 508-222-2569 or at [texjade@yahoo.com](mailto:texjade@yahoo.com).

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