

TOWN OF FARMINGTON KOLP COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS



2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS

HOW DO I FIND MY PLOT? – Stand in the middle of the plot to locate your number on all four wooden stakes. Please understand that if you plant in the incorrect plot, you run the risk of having your seeds and/or plants turned under by the official plot owner. Please ask for assistance from another gardener if you are unsure.

WHEN DO I BEGIN PLANTING? For the 2024 season, the official first day will be announced by the Town Manager’s Office via email/on the Kolp Community Garden Plot Program website. Anyone planting before the first official day will be subject to removal from the program.

WHEN DO I CLEAN OUT MY PLOT? No later than October 15. The official end date will be announced by the Town Manager’s Office. The entire garden is plowed and a cover crop planted in the fall. It is ***your*** responsibility to remove anything that can’t be plowed under. At the end of the season, ***leave the four town-owned stakes that identify your plot.***

WHERE DO I PARK? On the dirt road closest to Route 10 or park at your own risk on the dirt road closest to the Farmington River. Parking on the sidewalk is prohibited.

WHY DO I NEED A PARKING PERMIT? This is your identification to enter the garden plots. It must be placed on your car dashboard.

WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

- No fencing of any kind around the perimeter of your garden plot (other than string)
- No metal of any type (with the exception of wire tomato cages), which must be removed at the end of the season.
- Beekeeping Equipment
- Sunflowers (nuisance)

WHAT IS ALLOWED? *I understand that the Kolp Community Garden is a working garden and that items such as trellises and other supports are usual and customary items. While the gardens are expected to be managed and cared-for, a lack of “prettiness” is not a criteria for excluding otherwise useful items.*

Single string around the perimeter is allowed.

- Plastic or fabric ground-covering plastic
- Wire tomato cages
- Deer netting for pea and bean trellis
- Bamboo or wood stakes

******These items must be removed at season’s end or you will forfeit future plots.***

No exceptions***

WHAT DO I DO IF I WITNESS THEFT, VANDALISM or ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES? As a community gardener, it is your responsibility to immediately call the police at 860-675-2400.

HOW DO I GET WATER? Obtain water from the Farmington River at your own risk or bring water from home.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY PLOT IS UNPLANTED or UNCARED FOR? After May 25 (or approximately one month from the date of opening), the Town's garden representatives will inspect the plots on an on-going basis and using a flag system, the Town will notify the gardener that he/she has seven days to plant or to improve the appearance of the plot. If no improvement occurs, it will be reassigned on a first-come, first-served basis to the next person on the "Wait List."

VIOLATIONS OF OPEN SPACE LAND - Any gardener who commits any of the following actions below with respect to the Kolp Community Garden Plots will forfeit his/her plot for the current and future seasons.

- *To damage the land, wildlife or vegetation.*
- *To leave, deposit, dump or throw any litter, trash, garbage or rubbish other than in a designated receptacle.*
- *To erect, build or place any permanent improvements or personal property on the land.*
- *To possess or discharge any firearm, fireworks or other hunting implement.*
- *To create a nuisance detrimental to health, morals, safety, convenience or welfare of other persons.*
- *To set a fire of any type (i.e. tiki torches, grills)*
- *Application of any chemical substances including, but not limited to, synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. **Diazinon is strictly prohibited.***
- *To partake of any alcoholic beverage.*

CONDUCT – As a participant of this community program, you acknowledge your responsibility to be respectful of your fellow gardeners. Please be sure to supervise any underage visitors, keep music levels at an appropriate level, and practice basic courtesies. The Town reserves the right to remove anyone who fails to uphold these community standards.

PLANTING IN PLOTS WITHOUT TOWN APPROVAL - Any gardener that plants in an unused plot without permission from the Town will be removed from the Kolp Community Garden Program. Planting in plots without permission has led to several issues over the past few years.

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