



## Leland Community Garden Rules and Regulations

### Membership Introduction

The Leland Community Garden is an all-volunteer, active, working, community garden. As such, it requires all of its members to assist with the daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal care, upkeep and support of the garden. Participants are required to observe the LCG's Rules and Regulations as outlined. By doing so, we enhance the health and wellness of the garden and ensure its success. The following rules and procedures have been designed to facilitate garden safety and to create a community garden environment that is gratifying to work in, and pleasant for neighbors and the general public.

### Rules and Regulations

1. The first name to appear on the Application and Waiver is considered the "Primary Gardener." All gardeners on the contract are collectively and severally bound by the contract. Gardeners on multiple gardener contracts agree that the first name on the contract is the designated contact for all business correspondence from the garden. Any new gardener must be added to the contract before being allowed to garden the plot. Even though "additional listed gardeners" may garden at your plot, the responsibility for payment of fees, cleanup and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual considered as the "Primary Gardener", whose name is assigned to the plot.
2. Plot sizes and fees, including non plot holder fees, will be set annually by the Town of Leland. Fees are non-refundable. Plots are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Plots may be assigned or reassigned at the discretion of the Garden Manager.
3. Plots are leased per growing season. Garden plots may not be transferred, given away, traded or sublet. All plot holders must notify the Town of Leland, by mail or e-mail, when giving up membership. The plot then returns to the Town of Leland for rental.
4. Rental of multiple plots is not permitted.
5. Gardeners may not alter the dimensions of their assigned plot. Gardeners are free to arrange their garden how they wish within the boundaries of their plot.
6. Smoking and use of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) are prohibited on Town of Leland property. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in forfeiture of your plot.
7. No disruptive behavior (use of profanity, loud radios, etc.) that will negatively affect other gardeners will be tolerated.
8. Except for service dogs, pets of any kind are not allowed within the Leland Community Garden.
9. Cars must be parked in designated areas. Do not drive vehicles in the garden area.

10. Please conserve water! Mulch the plot with leaves, straw, grass clippings, etc. Use drought resistant varieties when possible. Water at the proper time of day. Do not leave the plot unattended while watering. Report any leaks in the hoses or faucets to the Garden Manager.
11. Although the garden is not specified as "organic", the Leland Community Garden encourages gardeners to consider alternatives to the use of chemical pesticides. Use of petroleum-based pesticides is highly discouraged. Gardeners must not practice any horticultural technique such as fertilizing, watering, using pesticides, etc., that will in any way affect adjacent plots. Application should not occur on windy days. **Application of any herbicide (weed-killer, Round Up) is strictly forbidden.**
12. Harvesting other gardeners' produce without permission is prohibited and is grounds for forfeiture of your plot.
13. Gardens must be kept in good condition through watering, cultivating and weeding. Keep plots free of overripe, rotting and spoiled fruit and vegetables. When the growing season is over, all plots must be cleared of vegetation by the gardener. Plot clearing may not be done via use of flame or fire. Abandoned plots will revert back to the Town of Leland.
14. Crops, plants, vines and other vegetation must be contained within the boundaries of one's garden plot so they do not overlap onto adjacent pathways or plots. If this becomes a problem, the vegetation must be removed.
15. All supplies provided by the Town of Leland are to be used properly and stored in their proper location when not in use.
16. All trash must be properly disposed of in the Town trash bins or dumpsters. Vegetative material shall not be placed in trash bins or dumpsters. Vegetative materials and debris should be composted.
17. The Town of Leland assumes no responsibility for any loss resulting from theft, animal damage, adverse weather, vandalism or any other cause.

**Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and prosperous garden. Failure to comply with above regulations during the season may result in a loss of future gardening privileges and forfeiture of all fees.**

**I hereby agree to abide by all of the Leland Community Garden Rules and Regulations.**

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Print Name

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Signature

Date