

Sayreville Community Garden Bylaws and Guidelines

1. Fees: Annual fees help cover garden expenses. For the Spring 2024 season, new gardeners joining will pay a fee of \$50.00 per plot. Returning gardeners in good standing will pay a fee of \$30.00 per plot. Fees are subject to change each year.
2. The Garden planting season shall be April 22 – October 31, depending upon weather and initial garden opening. Every plot should have something planted by June 1st.
3. All community garden members are required to maintain their assigned plot(s) for the entire Garden Season.
4. All garden communications will be via email using the email address provided upon registration. Any changes to contact information shall be provided in a timely manner.
5. Community Garden members will keep their assigned Plot(s) free of weeds by removing weeds on an on-going basis. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the plot.
6. If a community garden member must abandon their assigned plot for any reason, They must notify the garden leadership within two (2) weeks at sayrevillecommunitygarden@sayreville.com. No application /registration fees will be refunded.
7. If a member's plot becomes unkempt, the member will be given one (1) week notice to clean it up. If the member fails to clean the plot, it will be reassigned without refund of application/registration fees.
8. All members will respect other gardeners, and will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
9. Smoking and the use of alcohol is prohibited in areas within and surrounding the Community Garden.
10. Trash and litter shall be kept out of assigned plot(s) and garden common areas, including adjacent pathways and fencing borders.
11. Members are to use trash receptacles for trash and recycling bins for recycling materials.
12. Members will properly dispose of all organic (plant) matter in the compost bins and non-organics in the garbage bins.
13. All members are required to participate in the spring and fall cleanup events of the garden.
14. Members will pick crops only from their assigned plot(s) unless given permission by the member who is assigned to the plot.
15. Community Garden members and their visitors are not permitted to enter, water, or garden another Gardener's plot, unless given explicit permission to do so by the person assigned to the plot.
16. Growing or use of illegal/controlled substances is not permitted and shall result in immediate expulsion and revocation of the Garden Plot without refund of any fees paid.
17. Service animals are the only animals permitted in the Community Garden.

18. Community Garden members must immediately treat plant diseases and pest infestations with approved organic practices. Infected/diseased plants can not be composted and must be disposed of off-site.
19. Plants that are invasive in nature are not allowed to be planted in the Community Garden.
20. All Garden Plots must be completely cleared out, raked, and properly winterized at the end of the garden season, by a date set by the Community Garden Committee, typically October 31 (depending on weather). All plant debris, weeds, plastic plant tags, plant supports, and other objects must be removed from the Plot. Soil should not be left bare, and must be covered with a layer of compost or organic material.
21. Community Garden members will commit a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time during the garden season to the maintenance and upkeep of the Garden's common areas, e.g., removing weeds from the common areas, maintaining the compost piles, maintaining garden paths, etc. If any member is unable to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours, they can opt out by choosing to pay a fee of \$40. The commitment of 4 hours for volunteer work in the garden does not include time spent working on an assigned plot.
22. Any fees unpaid or failure to fulfill volunteer time may result in not being assigned a Plot in future garden seasons, as determined by the Community Garden Committee.
23. Tools and equipment of the Sayreville Community Garden may not be removed from the Garden area and must be cleaned and properly stored in the Garden shed after use. No personal items may be stored in the Garden shed or in the Garden common areas.
24. Water spigots must be turned off after use and garden hoses properly placed back on the holder after each use.
25. The Garden shall operate as an organic garden. All soil, pesticides, fertilizers, and mulch must be approved by the SCG Committee. The use of non-organic products is prohibited.
26. All children must be closely supervised and are not allowed to engage in roughhousing or other behavior that would disturb other Gardeners. Parents/guardians/adults are responsible for supervising their children and or guests and teaching them the safe use of tools, gardening methods, and proper garden etiquette.
27. Basic, temporary plant supports that are no higher than 5 feet are permitted, (e.g., tomato cages and trellises) and should be placed at least 8" (20cm) from the plot border. All other unapproved structures and or fencing are prohibited in the Garden Plots.
28. All Community Garden members will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
29. All Community Garden members assigned to a plot must be at least 18 years of age.
30. Failure to comply with the Operating Rules and other Garden regulations may result in forfeiture of the Plot without refund of fees paid, and the assignment of a plot in future garden seasons, as determined by the Community Garden Committee.

Parking- Parking spots are provided in front of the garden. Park face in only and vehicles should not be left idling in the parking area.

I understand that neither the Sayreville Community Garden, Sayreville Environmental Commission nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE SAYREVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN AND ITS SPONSOR SAYREVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

I, _____ acknowledge that I have reviewed the Sayreville Community Garden's Bylaws and Guidelines enumerated herein and agree to abide by said rules during the term of my membership in the Sayreville Community Garden.

Signature of Applicant

Date: _____