

Town of Perinton Community Garden Guidelines

Mission Statement

The Town of Perinton community garden establishes sustainable living and gardening through a collaborative effort of local agencies, neighbors, and community groups. The cooperation of these groups will support the importance of locally grown food, celebrate a rich heritage of 'Victory Gardens', encourage health and wellness for all ages, offer educational programs and donate food to local groups or families.

Garden/Park Rules and Regulations:

Pesticides are prohibited. This includes: Round-Up, soap sprays, vinegar, compost teas, Sevin, fungicides etc. It is illegal to apply a killing agent on Town of Perinton / Village of Fairport property. Any applications required are handled by a NYS DEC Certificated Town Park staff.

Fertilizers either liquid or granular are permitted. Please purchase organic or sustainable products; such as, Espoma, Milorganite, Organic Gardener, compost/ manures, or any other organic products to support the sustainable nature of the garden.

Weed reduction is permitted and the following items are approved for use: shredded bark mulch, weed fabrics, black plastic and small amounts of saw dust. **PROHIBITED:** Bright red or dyed mulches, grass clippings, fresh manure or any other items deemed unhealthy for community garden members by town staff.

All plastics or fabrics must be anchored down to withstand winds. Any plant coverings (protection) or weed barriers cannot create an unsightly appearance to the surrounding neighborhood or cause safety concerns in garden walkways.

Garden beds must have evidence of plantings by June 8th each year or be forfeited.

All beds/surrounding bed areas must be kept free of non-recyclable trash and weeds by the garden bed holders.

Conserve water by watering plants in the A.M. versus highest heat of the day. Use mulch to reduce evaporation of the soil.

DO NOT overhead water as it may cause mildews and other leaf problems. Plants highly susceptible to this are melons, squash, pickles and cucumbers.

Gardeners should bring their own tools but there will be a limited number of garden tools available in the shed. Tools should be cleaned after each usage.

Tall crops or garden structures that shade a neighboring bed are required to be adjusted accordingly.

Notices and pertinent information will be posted on the bulletin board at the storage shed.

The compost piles should only be used for compost friendly materials. Follow the signs on the bins and a compost specific guideline is posted in the shed.

All gardeners must keep plants and mulch in their own beds.

Garden structures such as plant supports, garden netting, and trellises must be stored out of view when not in use. The Town reserves the right to remove any of these features if they are deemed hazardous or inappropriate.

Crops must be harvested once they are mature. Contact the community garden coordinator if you would like to donate surplus food and/or need help to harvest your crops. If garden crops are not harvested on a timely manner then the Community Garden Coordinator or Town staff has the right harvest crops for food donations.

By October 18th, all garden plots must be cleaned and emptied for winter months. Winter crops are allowed for returning gardeners. All over wintering plant material requires prior approval from the community garden coordinator. Please contact Jamie Snyder at gardencoord@perinton.org. or at 223-5050 x2057.

Please contact the Perinton Recreation and Parks Department or the Community Garden Coordinator for the following concerns:

1. Report any disease or bug infestation on your plot.
2. If you are unable to tend to your plot due to medical or personal reasons.
3. If individuals have garden concerns to address.
4. If you have surplus vegetables to contribute to the food bank.

The garden is open sunup to sundown.

Theft is prohibited. Penalties include the immediate loss of your garden bed and forfeit of a refund.

Service animals are permitted, personal pets are prohibited.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking permitted in the parking lot only; do not drive over grass, sidewalks or basketball courts.

Failure to comply with any of these rules may result in the loss of your garden bed(s).

Garden members and Share the Harvest members are expected to participate in the Spring and Fall Garden Work days.

Garden beds are only available to Perinton residents.

Garden bed preference assigned the previous season will be allowed from September 1st to October 31st for the following year.

Open registration to all residents begins November 1st.

Share the Harvest:

Group gardening allows for a larger variety and yield for each gardener. Specific vegetables and layout are designed each year depending on share the harvest members. All gardening tasks and harvests are shared equally. As part of this garden membership approximately 30% of the food will be donated.

Responsibilities: Each garden member/family is responsible for weeding, watering, planting and harvesting. A work schedule will be posted to coordinate this effort. All garden members must participate in the work in order to participate in the harvest.

Harvest guidelines: Each time you work in the garden you are allowed to harvest/take home any food you will eat. This is judged by the honor system. The amount of food you take home should equal the amount of work you put into the garden.

Sign up Schedule: Each STH member is responsible for signing up for work weeks. The sign up is based on first come first serve. We will do our best to give you most of your choices.