

## NEMI Community Garden Member Guidelines

Welcome to the community garden! We've developed these guidelines to ensure all members enjoy positive, rewarding, and safe experiences. These guidelines also aim to establish mutual understanding of the aims and objectives of the community garden.

We hope you enjoy your experience at our community garden, and don't wish to unduly burden members. We've attempted to keep our guidelines to the minimum, as we wish that all members will feel free to creatively express themselves through their plots, projects, and friendly interactions at the garden!

### Garden Plots/Beds Info & Guidelines

- Each member is assigned a plot or raised bed as their own. They may keep this same plot from year to year indefinitely, as long as they continue to actively maintain it.
- Membership dues of \$5/mo (\$60/year) are a recommended donation. Please use the donation form at [www.nopri.org](http://www.nopri.org)
- If no plots are available when a new member applies, they will be put on a sequential waiting list and contacted when a plot becomes available.
- Inactive plots will be reassigned to new members. If a plot appears to be inactive during the growing season, the garden organizers will attempt to contact the assigned member. If the member does not respond within 3 weeks the plot will be reassigned. Please notify the garden organizers if you intend on an extended absence.
- Structures and perennials such as trellises and dwarf trees should be of reasonable height so as not to shade adjacent plots. Please discuss with your neighbors if you are planting/installing anything taller than 5ft.
- Please be careful and consult your neighbors with plants that can create a nuisance for other gardeners, such as berries that spread aggressively into adjoining areas.
- Inorganic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides are prohibited. "Organic" farming practices are a good general guideline to follow. Please discuss any major disease/pest or other issues with the garden organizers and we will help you find solutions.
- Avoid creating standing water by leaving buckets, plastic bags, or other items that could collect water. These are habitats for mosquito breeding.
- The use of animal deterrents or protecting devices not approved by the general membership is prohibited. Devices that make sounds, light, smell, etc. are a nuisance to other members. We will collectively create an action plan to deal with potential animal problems in a humane and unobtrusive manner.

## Community Info & Guidelines

- All members are encouraged to participate in community composting. Only organic plant waste (kitchen vegetables, yard waste, etc.) should be contributed. No animal products, treated wood, large wood/branches, or materials sprayed with herbicides/pesticides/fertilizers.
- Community meetings, potluck bbqs, workshops, and volunteer days will be scheduled and posted on the community calendar during the growing season, contact the NEMI garden organizers for details. All members are encouraged to attend!
- Tools in the shed are for use by all members. They should be used only at the community garden, and returned clean after use. If you see tools left out by somebody else, please put them away.
- Keep the gardens tidy and beautiful for the enjoyment of all members, please take care of your plots and indulge your creative aesthetic talents! Don't leave personal items in communal areas.
- Help us conserve water and energy, shut off running water when not in use, and report any leaks you notice.
- Smoking is prohibited in plots and communal areas.
- Pets and well behaved human guests are permitted. Please pick up after your pets.
- Open fires are prohibited. Covered bbqs are allowed.
- Members are responsible for removal of all of their trash. The community garden does not provide trash removal service.
- Designated parking areas are marked. Please do not block pathways or road access.
- An annual all hands meeting will be held in September to discuss future directions of the garden, including improvements, purchases, membership guideline modifications, and any other issues members wish to raise.
- Garden members are expected to conduct themselves in a safe, respectful, and courteous manner toward other gardeners and visitors to the Farm. Anyone who persists in conducting himself/herself in an unsafe, disrespectful, and/or uncourteous manner toward other gardeners will be asked to leave the Community.
- No individual member or group of members may represent the Community Garden in any transaction, financial or otherwise, e.g., proposals for the development of educational/research programs, creation of community outreach/volunteer programs, submission/withdrawal of fundraising/grant proposals, etc., without the approval of the general farm membership and organizers. Such programs are encouraged but should be done with coordination of the full membership and organizers as space and resources are limited.

**That's all! Happy gardening!**