



City of Bristol COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

YOUR COPY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

HOW TO FIND YOUR PLOT – A stake with your plot number will be placed in the middle of your plot. ***I understand that if I plant in the incorrect plot, I run the risk of having my seeds and/or plants turned under by the official plot owner.***

WHEN TO BEGIN PLANTING – May 1, 2021

WHEN TO VACATE PLOTS - October 10th 2021. It is ***your*** responsibility to remove anything that did not grow in your plot. At the end of the season, leave the 4 town-owned stakes that identify your plot.

WHERE TO PARK – Grove St. Entrance to the back of the senior center gym parking lot or Stafford Ave entrance, park in niche in circle near the gardens if spots are available. Parking on the sidewalk is prohibited.

PARKING PERMIT - Place parking permit on car dashboard. This is your identification to enter plots.

PROHIBITED – Wood fencing, plastic fencing, metal fencing, metal posts and sunflowers (nuisance)

ALLOWED – You may use newspapers for weed control (see separate sheet for newspaper weed control tips), plastic deer netting for pea and bean trellis, wire tomato cages, landscaping carpet, mulch or leaves for weed control. ***These items absolutely must be removed at the end of the season or you forfeit your plot next year. No exceptions.***

IF YOU WITNESS THEFT, VANDALISM, ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, etc. – As a City of Bristol Community gardener, it is your responsibility to immediately call the police at 860-584-3011.

HOW DO I GET WATER – Rain Barrels will be located at the gardens or **bring water from home.** Staff will fill barrels 2 times a week as time allows. **Senior Center does not provide the water for the gardens.**

IF YOUR PLOT IS UNPLANTED or UNCARED FOR - By June 1 (or one month from the date of opening), the City will inspect the plots and notify the gardener if it is unplanted or uncared for. The gardener has 7 days to plant or to improve the appearance of the plot, or it will be reassigned on a first- come, first-served basis to the next person on the "Wait List."

DISPOSAL OF TRASH: plastic plant holders, fertilizer/mulch bags & trash of any type must be removed by the gardener. No trash receptacles will be available for public use.

VIOLATIONS OF OPEN SPACE LAND- Any gardener, who commits any of the following actions below with respect to the City of Bristol Community Garden Plots, will forfeit his/her rental permit for the season and will not be eligible for a plot in the future.

- *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 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.*
- *Application of any chemical substances including, but not limited to, fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. ***Diazinon is strictly prohibited.****
- *To partake of any alcoholic beverage.*

Contact: Bristol Senior Center at 584-7895 - Monday – Friday – 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.