



## Town of Christiansburg Community Garden Regulations

The Town of Christiansburg is happy to continue the Community Garden Program for Town of Christiansburg residents.

Community gardens are gardens in which both edible plants, such as vegetables, and non-edible plants, like flowers, are grown by the surrounding community members.

Any resident of the Town of Christiansburg ages 18 and up are invited to apply for a plot at the garden. Approved gardeners will be assigned plots within the garden area on a one (1) plot per household basis. If individual households would like more than one (1) plot, an additional plot will be made available after May 15, if available. Availability of plots and plot size will be determined by the Town of Christiansburg annually.

Applications will be reviewed based on the order in which they are received. Plots will be provided on a first come, first serve basis while plots are available. No planting will be allowed until after the spring tilling of mid-March, weather permitting.

### **Community Garden Contact:**

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### **Rules and Regulations:**

1. Plots are available to Town of Christiansburg residents only.
2. Gardeners may not assign or trade their garden plot to another individual. Doing so will result in immediate loss of permit for that plot.
3. The garden area is open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week. Please always carry your I.D.
4. Plot corners are clearly marked with stakes. Please do not remove or move these stakes during the season. Metal stakes throughout the site are permanent boundary markers and should not be moved.
5. We request all members volunteer their time for general maintenance (especially adjacent walkways) to keep the garden site in working order. The use of the site is contingent on the Town's ability to maintain it.
6. Please dispose of weeds and plant materials only in our designated compost areas.
7. Keep rocks out of pathways and borders to ensure that there are not hit by mowers providing a safety hazard with possible projectiles. Please place loose rock around the center tree of the garden. They will be picked up each week.

8. Be considerate of your neighbors. Do not plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with others. Harvest only from your assigned plot. Do not spray on windy days. Keep insects and weeds under control.
9. Use of herbicides is prohibited. Organic gardening methods only. NO synthetic chemicals, including pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, weed killers, and fertilizers. If you are unsure whether a product you want to use is allowed, search for it on the Organic Materials Review Institute website at [www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org). As with the use of any products, always follow the directions found on the container. Black plastic is permitted within individual plots to cut down on weed growth.
10. The Town will provide a soil test report.
11. The Community Garden has compost boxes and water spigots for permittee's use. Individuals must provide their own means of transporting water to their plot. Spigots have combination locks. Once an application is approved, the gardener will receive the combination. The use of water hoses is allowed. We ask that if you use a water hose, please roll it up after you are done. It can be stored in your plot or brought with you each visit. The use of sprinklers are not permitted.
12. All plots will be inspected throughout the growing season. Gardeners of plots that have not been planted in a timely fashion, are overtaken with weeds, or do not meet community garden expectations will be notified and face possible loss of privileges.
13. If vandalism or theft occurs, notify the Community Garden representative immediately. Please help us discourage losses by contacting the Community Garden representative if you see an unfamiliar face. The Town of Christiansburg is not responsible for any items left at the Community Garden, vandalism, or theft from individual plots.
14. Gardeners must follow the Town of Christiansburg animal regulations. If you want your animal to join you, you must be in control of your animal. Please make sure they stay within your plot area so that they do not disturb other plots. Please pick up animal waste and dispose of it.
15. Family members are welcome to the garden site. Please supervise young children so they don't disturb other plots.
16. Individual fencing of plots is allowed. Please keep structures under 4 feet tall and neat. All items, including black plastic, gardening accessories, fencing, tools, etc. must be removed from plots by November 1 for fall tilling. No planting will be allowed until after the spring tilling of mid-March, weather permitting.
17. Vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs are permitted to be grown in the Community Garden. The growth of plants or mushroom items used for drugs is prohibited.

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