

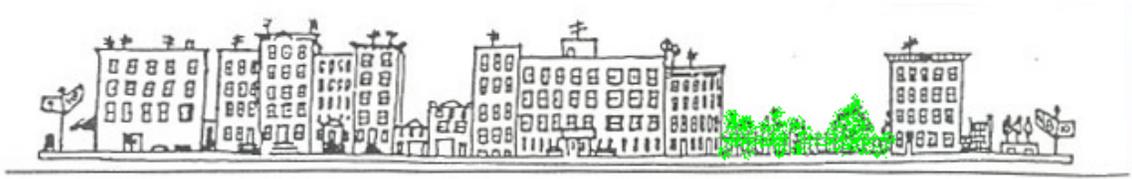
Clinton Community Garden, P.O. Box 214, New York, NY 10108-0214

2022 PLOT-HOLDERS AGREEMENT/BACK GARDEN RULES

Our garden is open 365 days a year, and keeping it healthy and beautiful requires everyone's help. No gardener is or ever will be asked to pay for a plot, but each gardener is expected to fulfill a commitment to help maintain the garden as a whole.

- 1. Volunteering.** This community garden is an all-volunteer effort that requires daily, weekly, monthly, and seasonal maintenance. **Plot-holders are required to contribute a minimum of 10 hours per year** toward necessary garden tasks. Gardeners may choose from the list of volunteer tasks at plot-renewal time.
- 2. Plot Maintenance.** Plots must be actively gardened during the growing season (May 1–September 30) by planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting **at least once a week**. All gardeners must begin actively gardening by May 1. Periodic plot inspections will be done by the Steering Committee, and warning letters will be sent to those not gardening. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration. Know your neighbors, ask for help, and offer to reciprocate.
- 3. Composting.** Follow all plant and food-scrap composting guidelines for the back bins.
- 4. Weeding.** The walkway next to your plot is your responsibility. It must be weeded and kept free of debris. Plot borders may not extend onto walkways. Plot markers, boxes, containers, or other items cannot be placed permanently on the walkway. If your plants grow over excessively onto the walkway, prune or tie them back.
- 5. Shade.** Make every effort not to block sunlight from neighboring plots. Trees are not permitted in plots. Woody shrubs must not exceed 3 feet in height and their root system must not extend beyond the plot in which they are planted. Woody shrubs may only be planted with prior approval of the Steering Committee. Tall plants—such as tomatoes and sunflowers—should be located on the side of your plot least likely to cast shade.
- 6. Building and Digging.** Standing towers, walls, high-rise or enclosed structures of any kind are not permitted. Reasonable trellises, that don't block light, and plant support poles are acceptable. Deep holes must be refilled without delay.
- 7. Tool and Hose Care.** All tools must be cleaned and returned to their proper place in the shed. Tools may not be removed from the garden. Hoses must be neatly rewound after use and placed on their retainers. Take care not to damage someone else's plants when pulling a hose to your plot. After using a hose, turn off the tap and let the hose drain to prevent water leakage. Do not water another gardeners plot without permission.
- 8. Subletting.** A plot may be sublet one time (for one year only) every seven years with Steering Committee approval.
- 9. No Stealing.** You may not take anything from your neighbors plots without their permission.

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10. Guests. Visitors to the rear garden are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a garden plot-holder and follow the garden rules