

Town of Putnam



**Dr. Robert R. Johnston
Community Garden of Rhodesville
41 Smith Street
Putnam, CT 06260**

Urban agriculture improves the quality of life for urban residents by creating green spaces and enhancing the connections between garden participants.

Community gardeners must be committed to caring for their garden plot, for the benefit of their own success and the gardening success of all fellow community gardeners.

Garden participants must agree to comply with the Dr. Robert R. Johnston Community garden rules and regulations, as outline in this document, for the duration of the use of the garden.

Gardening season is May through November, annually.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Gardeners are responsible for completing and signing an application form (included with this document).
2. Garden fee will be submitted with the application. For the 2017 growing season, raised beds will be \$20.00 and ground beds will be \$30.00.
3. Gardeners, in good standing, will have first preference and may choose either the same plot or a vacant plot, if one exists.
4. In addition to attending opening and closing day clean-up/work days, every gardener is required to work three (3) hours per gardening season, to help maintain communal spaces. A monthly "time sheet" will be posted in the garden shed.
5. Gardening hours are from sunrise to sunset. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours.
6. Garden meetings and work days are scheduled throughout the season. Please plan to participate to get to know your fellow community gardeners and assist with garden projects. Meeting dates will be posted in the garden shed and you will be notified by email.
7. Only vegetables, herbs and companion flower plants are allowed.
8. Plots are to be used for growing plant for non-commercial use.
9. Gardeners are responsible for removing weeds and putting them in the compost bin. **NO** diseased (i.e. blight, powdery mildew) or bug infested (i.e. squash bugs/eggs, cucumber beetles/eggs, etc.) are to be put in the compost bin.
10. Only compostable materials are to be placed in the compost bin. To aid in composting, large plant material should be cut up into smaller pieces.
11. All trash (including diseased and infested plant material) should be bagged and removed from the community garden. "What you carry in, please carry out". Please be sure to remove empty plant containers.
12. Plots are to be maintained in a condition that will not interfere with neighboring plots. Pathways and fence areas will be kept clear.
13. Gardeners are responsible for the care of the pathways to the Harrison Street and Cleveland Street sides of their plot. Paths can be mulched, mowed or weed whacked.
14. Garden plots should be cared for a minimum of once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the leadership if he or she is unable to care for their plot. If any plot is uncared for, without notice, for two weeks, it will be reassigned or removed. Uncared for gardens are a detriment to the success of the community garden. A monthly "time sheet" will be posted in the garden shed.
15. Every gardener will be provided with a key to the garden gate and the garden shed. Please be sure to secure the garden lock, when you are the last to leave the garden. Do not assume that someone else will take care of this. **There will be a \$20.00 key deposit, payable at registration, which will be refunded at the end of the season when the key is returned.**
16. Access to water is available using the key located in the garden shed. Unattended watering is not allowed. Please be sure to return the key to its assigned hook, in the shed. As with the garden gate, please assure that the water lock is secured, when you are the last gardener to leave the garden. Do not assume that someone else will take care of this.

17. Gardeners have full use of all tools in the garden shed. Please return tools to the shed in a clean condition. It is helpful to all if the shed is kept organized. Contact leadership if there are any broken tools.
18. Any personal gardening tools or supplies, which are left in the garden, are done so at the gardener's own risk.
19. Tall crops should not be planted where they will shade neighboring plots.
20. Gardeners will only harvest from their own plots and not from other plots, unless receiving permission from another gardener.
21. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots or pathways is prohibited.
22. Fertilizers and insecticides, that will in any way affect other gardens, are prohibited.
23. Any invasive bug infestation, that may affect all gardens, will be aggressively handled by appropriate means, in all plots. Gardeners will be notified and prompt attention will be required, by each gardener.
24. Pets are not allowed in the garden.
25. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised, at all times. Children should not be allowed to disturb or walk through garden plots.
26. Drugs, alcohol, fires, smoking and chewing tobacco are not allowed in the garden.
27. Theft, vandalism or unusual activities should be reported to the garden leadership.
28. It is understood that neither the garden group nor owners of the land (the Town of Putnam) are responsible for my actions.

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Please complete the information below and drop off at the Town of Putnam Economic Development office, 156 Main Street, Putnam, CT. The community garden program annual fee is \$20.00 for raised beds and \$30.00 for ground plots (plus a \$20.00 refundable key deposit). Payment is due at the time of registration and may be made to the Town of Putnam by check or cash. Participants must agree to abide by the rules and regulations, made available with this application. Failure to abide by the rules may result in reassignment of your plot, with fees forfeited, and suspension of your privilege to reapply in the future.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Calendar Year Applied For: _____ Circle One Raised Bed or Ground Bed

Please Check One:

_____ I have gardened at this location in the past and would like plot # _____, if available.

_____ This is my first year at the community garden.

_____ I would like a plot near a friend. Friend's Name _____

Declarations:

_____ I have read and will comply with the terms and rules and regulation of the Robert R. Johnston Community Garden of Rhodesville, Putnam, CT.

_____ I am 18 years or older.

Office use:

Date Received: _____ Date Approved: _____

Date Assigned to Waiting List: _____ Plot # Assignment: _____

Gardening Information

Websites

Dave's Garden	davesgarden.com
Mother Earth News	motherearthnews.com
Veggie Gardener	veggiegardener.com
Reformation Acres	reformationacres.com

Facebook

The Humble Gardener

Pinterest and YouTube have many gardening and community gardening ideas.

Ask your fellow gardeners.....the true benefit of community gardening! We all have different methods, experiences and ideas.

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