

## ***Town of Dennis Community Gardens*** **Rules & Regulations**

1. Community Gardens are available to Dennis residents only.
2. Gardeners are required to maintain their own garden, including tilling. Only one plot per address is allowed.
3. Renewal applications are sent out each year. A signed application plus payment of the nonrefundable fee of \$40.00 for the plot must be submitted. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the Department of Natural Resources has accurate, current contact information. If you cannot be contacted during the renewal period you will forfeit your garden.
4. Wait Lists are maintained for each garden area. Applicants placed on the Wait List will be contacted by phone as plots become available. Garden plots are assigned by the Department. If an applicant refuses a plot assignment, they will be placed at the bottom of the Wait List.
5. All garden plots will be assigned by May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. It is expected that gardeners begin work no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. If a garden remains unused for more than 1 month, it may be reassigned to an applicant on the Wait List. If a situation should arise that you cannot maintain your plot, please advise the Department of Natural Resources. Otherwise, you may forfeit your plot.
6. Gardeners are expected to irrigate conservatively. Gardeners are required to provide their own hoses. Excessive water use by gardeners will result in higher application fees. Please contact the Department of Natural Resources if leaking faucets or pipes occur.
7. Gardeners may not plant corn, trees, shrubs or vine type plants that may shade neighboring plots or spread into adjoining plots. Planting of any material within common areas, including pathways, is not allowed.
8. Planted vegetation is expected to be maintained within the garden plot. Vegetation should not be allowed to grow into adjacent plots or common pathways. Vegetation should be kept off the perimeter fencing.
9. Gardeners are expected to use the designated compost areas for the disposal of vegetation. Disposing of waste vegetation within common areas, including pathways, or on neighboring garden plots is not allowed. Compost bins are for garden use only. Deposition of material from private homes is not allowed.
10. Plots should be overturned at the end of each growing season. Weeds should not be allowed to seed. No gardener has the right to neglect a plot to the extent that it does injury to the neighboring plots. If a situation should arise that you cannot maintain your plot, please advise the Department of Natural Resources. Otherwise, you may forfeit your plot.
11. No permanent plants (trees, shrubs), structures or furniture may be placed in the garden. Gardeners are responsible for the removal and disposal of stakes, plastics, trash and personal property from the garden area after the growing season. The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to remove and dispose of personal items at the end of the growing season.
12. Gardeners are responsible for any personal injuries, accidents or damage to tools, etc. which may occur while working a garden plot.
13. The Dennis Conservation Commission cannot be held responsible for thievery or vandalism. Please contact the Department of Natural Resources if this occurs.
14. Any persons violating these regulations may be subject to the forfeiture of their garden plot.