

2023 Purcellville Community Garden

Thank you for renting a plot in the Purcellville Community Garden. Information about reserving and maintaining your plot is below. If you have any questions, please contact Amie Ware, Parks and Recreation Division Manager, at aware@purcellvilleva.gov.

Reserving Plots

- Your rental fee of \$30.00 per season will be used by the Town of Purcellville to prepare and maintain the property and to provide animal fencing.
- Plots will be rented on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference will be given to previous year renters. Additional prospective renters will be placed on a waiting list.
- As plots become available, the Town of Purcellville will notify you. If you decline the plot, or do not respond within seven days, the plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.
- Only one plot is available per household. Any unclaimed plots remaining after all registrants have been assigned a plot will be offered to any registered gardener as a second plot for the full fee.
- Gardeners may not give away or sublet their plots. If you no longer wish to garden or you are moving, please contact the Town of Purcellville to return your plot to the pool.
- The Town reserves the right to redesign or relocate plots at the end of the season.
- The Town does not guarantee that any particular plot will be carried over from year to year.
- The gardening season will begin May 1, weather permitting and only after the Town of Purcellville has staked and numbered individual plots. The garden will close on January 30.

Maintaining Your Plot

- The Town of Purcellville will inspect the garden plots on a regular basis and will notify gardeners whose plots are not in compliance with the rules below. The gardener will be instructed to take corrective action. Gardening privileges will be revoked if repeated offenses occur or if the gardener does not take corrective action within 2 weeks of the notification. The plot will revert back to the Town of Purcellville. Remember that the garden is in a neighborhood and the people in homes bordering the garden see it every day; please keep your plot neat for their benefit as well.
- At the beginning of each season, Town of Purcellville will be responsible for tilling the plots and amending the soil as necessary.
- The Purcellville Community Garden is an organic garden. Chemical pesticides, herbicides, and chemical fertilizers are forbidden. Animal manure-based fertilizers are also forbidden due to the presence of nearby well. Organic soil amendments and pest remedies such as vegetable compost, etc., may be used instead. To reduce the amount of weeds, consider laying down cardboard or a thick layer of newspaper and covering that with mulch or soil compost. If unsure, ask the Town of Purcellville.
- Gardening is permitted dawn to dusk.

- No pets allowed.
- Perennials are not permitted.
- Children under 16 must have adult supervision.
- All gardeners must maintain their plots in a reasonable manner so that weeds and garden debris are not left to attract undesirable insects, rodents, and other vermin.
- No personal property such as garden supplies and tools should be left at the plots.
- Do not leave water running. Remove all standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.
- Bring your own container or paper yard waste bags to place plants and weeds from your plot when you clean it up. If you bring your own container, you must take it with the contents for disposal at your home. Paper yard waste bags filled with plants and weeds from your plot may be placed on the curb on Tuesday evenings for the weekly trash pick-up.
- Take your trash and recycling materials with you when you leave the garden; please remember that the garden is in a residential area.
- Do not remove or relocate the stakes that define the garden plots.
- Weeds, plastic sheeting, and all other material must be maintained by the gardeners and be kept clean throughout the season.
- Gardeners are responsible for cleaning areas surrounding the garden including the fence, shed, and parking lot.
- Remove all plants, debris, lattices, and materials you have introduced to your plot by January 30, 2024. **Gardeners who have not cleaned out their plot and removed all items from their plot by January 30, 2024 will not be permitted to return the following year.**