

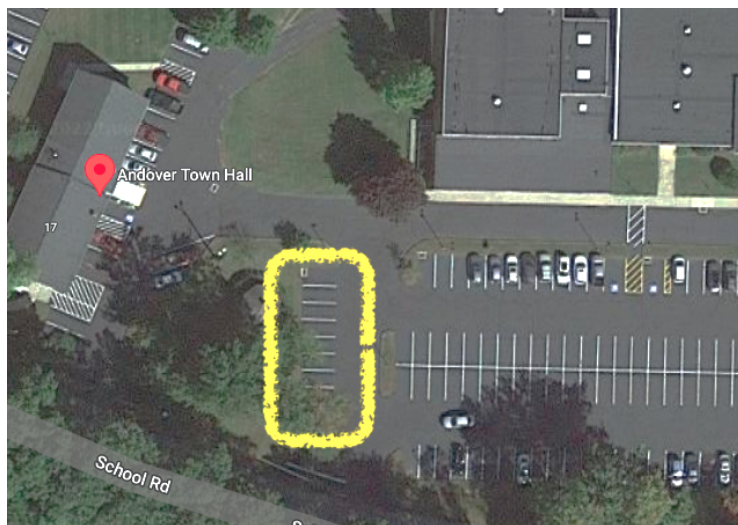
# ANDOVER COMMUNITY GARDEN

## GARDEN RULES AND REGULATIONS

**WHEN DO I BEGIN PLANTING?** For the 2022 season, the official first day will be April 1st. You will have access to your plot for a whole year, beginning on April 1, 2022 and ending on March 31, 2023.

**WHEN DO I CLEAN OUT MY PLOT?** If you do not want to renew for the following year, clean out your plot no later than March 31. It is **your** responsibility to remove anything that can't be tilled into the soil.

**WHERE DO I PARK?** Please park at Town Hall or in the AES spots facing the Town Hall gazebo. Parking on the grass is prohibited.



### **WHAT IS PROHIBITED?**

- Sunflowers – although beautiful, they'll cast shade on your neighbors' plots!
- Trailing plants (i.e. squashes) – they will take over the garden! Allowed *if* you use trellises to grow them vertically
- Mint – it spreads wildly, please only plant if contained in a pot
- Music – please use headphones to keep the peace
- Garbage – carry out what you carry in

**WHAT IS ALLOWED?** *I understand that the Andover Community Garden is a working garden and that items such as trellises and other supports are usual and customary items. While the gardens are expected to be managed and cared-for, a lack of “prettiness” is not a criteria for excluding otherwise useful items.*

- Plastic or fabric ground-covering plastic
- Wire tomato cages, Deer netting for pea and bean trellis
- Bamboo or wood stakes

***These items must be removed at season’s end if you are not renewing your plot.***

**WHAT DO I DO IF I WITNESS THEFT, VANDALISM or ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES?**

As a community gardener, it is your responsibility to immediately call the police at (860)742-0235.

**HOW DO I GET WATER?** Obtain water from the onsite rain barrels or bring water from home.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF MY PLOT IS UNPLANTED or UNCARED FOR?**

After June 15th, the Town’s Garden Committee will inspect the plots on an on-going basis. The Garden Committee will notify the gardener that they have seven days to plant or to improve the appearance of the plot. If no improvement occurs, it will be reassigned on a first-come, first-served basis to the next person on the “Wait List.”

**VIOLATIONS OF OPEN SPACE LAND** - Any gardener who commits any of the following actions below with respect to the Andover Community Garden will forfeit their plot for the current and future seasons.

- *To damage the land, wildlife or vegetation.*
- *To leave, deposit, dump or throw any litter, trash, garbage or rubbish.*
- *To erect, build or place any permanent improvements or personal property on the land.*
- *To possess or discharge any firearm, fireworks or other hunting implement.*
- *To create a nuisance detrimental to health, morals, safety, convenience or welfare of other persons.*
- *To set a fire of any type.*
- *Application of any chemical substances including, but not limited to, synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides. **Diazinon is strictly prohibited. Refer to the List of Permitted Amendments to see what’s allowed.***

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** - Due to COVID-19, gardeners must adhere to social distancing in order to protect the health and safety of all program participants.



2022

## APPLICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name) (full residential street address in Andover)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(phone number) (email address)

hereby lease plot number #\_\_\_\_\_ from the Town of Andover for the purpose of growing a garden at the Andover Community Garden.

I will abide by the Town of Andover's "Andover Community Garden Rules and Regulations" established to regulate activity on the property, and that the garden shall be maintained in a condition which will not endanger abutting plots, and that I shall **vacate this plot, including removal of anything that did not grow there no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> should I not renew my lease; otherwise I will not be invited back to participate in this program.**

**I also understand that it will be at the discretion of the Community Garden Committee to assign a plot to the gardener based on availability, and that if I plant in the incorrect plot I run the risk of having my seeds and plants turned under by the official plot owner.**

Being of full age and in consideration of my participation in this program, I do hereby release and forever discharge the Town of Andover and their agents and employees connected with this program from all claims, arising out of any personal or property damage, injuries, expenses and loss of damage whatsoever resulting from my participation in the Andover Community Garden. In addition, I fully agree to abide by all gardening responsibilities stated herein.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Yes, I am interested in any volunteer opportunities in the Andover Community Garden.
- ☐ Yes, I want to receive a newsletter full of gardening tips, upcoming events, and free gardening classes.
- ☐ Yes, I want to be on and receive a contact list of all my fellow gardeners.