

COTTINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Rules

The three golden rules are:

**Respect the garden
Respect the equipment
Respect each other**

In particular:

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot, watering, weeding and harvesting.
2. If a plot is neglected or not used the Committee may reassign the plot to another gardener. If you will be away for a significant period (over 4 weeks) please ask another gardener to maintain your plot while you are away, or please inform the Committee.
3. If it is necessary to lock the garden each gardener will be given the code or key to the lock on the garden and must not divulge or share it to anyone else. The garden may be left unlocked during the day but must be locked at night.
4. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the growing beds is prohibited. The use of liquid herbicides around the garden is also prohibited.
5. Each gardener shall contribute towards the maintenance and upkeep of the communal areas and borders, such as the herb bed and the areas around their growing beds; each gardener may enjoy reasonable use of the communal herbs etc.
6. Each gardener will contribute to the watering schedule and any other tasks needed.
7. Use of the compost bins is encouraged but please ensure that only compostable material (as listed on the posters) is put in the compost bins.
8. Tools will be made available for use, a limited number of tools and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage shed for use during non-scheduled work times. Regular scheduled work times will be posted on the garden bulletin board.
9. All tools must be returned cleaned and locked up after use. The hose should be rewound and water turned off.
10. The use of the BBQ is available on request to use for an appropriate gathering. Loud music, abuse of alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited. Please clean the BBQ and the garden afterwards.
11. Respect your fellow gardeners and other users of the garden: the garden is a place for building community and being considerate to and generous with each other.
12. If you have a dispute with a fellow gardener or other user of the garden please try to resolve it amicably. If you are not able to do this, please contact a member of the Committee: the Committee will, in the first instance, attempt to assist the parties to reach a solution; if this is not possible, the Committee will decide an appropriate course of action; the Committee's decision is final.
13. If you do not abide by the rules, including the three golden rules, the Committee may reassign the plot and take other such action as may be appropriate (for example, in case of a serious breach the Committee may, with the approval of the Cottington TMC, deny a person access to the garden).
14. The Committee may amend these rules at any time. If the Committee amends the rules it will, as far as reasonably practicable, inform gardeners of the changes.