



2018 BARRINGTON COMMUNITY GARDEN LEASE AND USE AGREEMENT

The Barrington Community Garden (BCG) is a volunteer-run organic community garden for Barrington residents. This Lease and Use Agreement identifies terms and obligations for leasing a plot at the BCG. Please keep this agreement for your records. The annual fee for leasing a 5' x 20' plot is \$25 and is payable by check printed with a Barrington address or accompanied by a copy of the lessee's valid driver's license containing a Barrington address. For more information and the 2018 password for the shed's combination lock, visit www.barringtoncommunitygarden.org.

Lessee Obligations

- Lessee must abide by the general policies of the Barrington Community Garden. These policies are listed on the BCG website and posted on the community bulletin board. These policies include the *BCG Organic Guidelines* and *BCG Composting Guidelines* (attached).
- Lessee is responsible for maintaining the leased plot in a relatively weed-free condition and within the bounds of the plot dimensions of 5 feet by 20 feet.
- Leased plots are to be cultivated by **Sunday, June 3, 2018** (end of day). Plots not cultivated by this date will be considered forfeited, along with the annual fee, and made available for re-leasing.
- Lessee is responsible for maintaining pathways located immediately north and east of the leased plot up to the next plot or to 5 feet from your plot's edge. Pathways are to be initially weeded and covered with a minimum of 2 inches of wood chips by **Sunday June 3, 2018**, and maintained in this condition for the remainder of the season.
- In addition to maintaining the leased plot and adjoining north and east pathways, the Lessee is expected to volunteer a minimum of four (4) hours per leased plot per season for shared community garden tasks. Please refer to the attached *2018 BCG Community Work Dates and Responsibilities* for further information.
- By the BCG closing date, the leased plot must be cleaned of all plant debris, and all cages, stakes, etc. must be removed. Please refer to the attached *2018 BCG Garden Plot Closing Instructions* for further detail. The closing date for this season is **Sunday, December 2, 2018**.
- Assigned plots are not transferable without permission from the BCG Steering Committee.

Prohibitions

- Removing crops from other's plots is prohibited unless permission is granted by the plot's Lessee.
- On-site commercial sale of plants, fruits, and/or vegetables from the BCG is prohibited.
- To protect wildlife, **use of plastic netting/fencing or rodent "sticky traps" is prohibited**. Metal or bamboo fencing or floating row cover fabric may be used for wildlife exclusion, if needed.
- No permanent structures are permitted in the leased plot, except for wooden plot borders.

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ACCEPTANCE (Before you sign, make sure you have read and understand your obligations)

I hereby confirm that I have read and understand the obligations and prohibitions of the *2018 Barrington Community Garden Lease and Use Agreement* and all referenced attachments and agree to abide by it.

I understand that failure to uphold any of the lease terms may, at the discretion of the BCG Steering Committee, result in termination of the lease and fee.

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Barrington and/or its employees and volunteers from claims or liability related to any injury, accident, damage, or loss that may occur in association with any community gardening or related activities by myself, family members, or my guests.

Signature of Lessee: _____ Date: _____

Name of Lessee (printed): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____
(must be same as on check or driver's license) (Email is our main mode of communication; please provide an email address that is regularly checked).

From March 17-31 (by mail):

- I am a returning Lessee and would like to re-lease the same plot (Plot # _____) or request an alternate plot (please contact a Steering Committee member through the BCG website prior to April 1, 2018 for a list of available alternate plots).
- I am a returning Lessee and wish to reserve my second plot from last season (Plot # _____). The plot can be re-applied for after April 2rd, subject to availability; see below.

From March 31- April 1, 2018 (during on-site registration) and by mail until all plots are leased

- I am a new Lessee and wish to lease a plot (you will be able to select from available plots on site).

On and after April 2, 2018 (by mail):

- I am a new or returning Lessee and would like to request a second plot. Please submit request with a separate leasing application and fee. Second plots are subject to availability.

Please return this form along with a check payable to "The Town of Barrington" with "BCG" in the note section. Checks must be imprinted with a Barrington address or accompanied by a copy of the lessee's valid driver's license with a Barrington address. Cash is not accepted. Please mail your application to Barrington Community Garden, c/o Barrington Town Hall, 283 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806, or provide to a Steering Committee member if registering at the BCG.

Application and fee received by: _____
(Steering Committee Member signature and payment reference)

Plot Assigned _____ Date: _____