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A Volunteer-Run Organic Community Garden for Barrington Residents

2020 Registration Form

Returning 2019 Lessees

Early registration for returning lessees is **March 15 through March 27, 2020** (by mail or drop-off to Town Hall; see further instructions for application submittal below).

- ☼ If you would like to re-lease the same plot as last year, please specify: Plot # _____.
- ☼ If you wish to request an alternate primary plot, please contact a Steering Committee member through the BCG website for a list of available alternate plots.

New 2020 Lessees

General registration for new lessees is **March 28 through April 12, 2020**; options are shown below:

- ☼ On-site registration will be held **at the garden on Saturday-Sunday, March 28 and 29, 2020**, between 10 am and 1 pm. You will be able to select a plot from among available plots.
- ☼ New lessees can alternatively **register by mail/drop-off between March 28 and April 12, 2020** (see instructions below). A plot will be selected for you.

Second Plots - Returning and New Lessees

As of the 2020 season, each lessee can initially lease one plot only. If all plots are not leased by April 12, 2020, second plots will be made available for lease. Please check which is applicable:

- I am a returning Lessee and would like a **second** plot for the 2020 season (choose one):
 - I would like to re-lease Plot # _____, the same second plot as last year.
 - I would like to request a different second plot (to be assigned).
- I am a new (2020) Lessee or a returning lessee who has not leased a second plot before and would like a **second** plot for the 2020 season.

After April 12, 2020, applicants will be contacted by a Steering Committee member, who will inform if a second plot is available. If so, the lessee will be directed to submit a separate application and fee. We will attempt to assign a plot closest to your primary plot, but this is not guaranteed.

Application Submittal Instructions:

Please return 1) this form, 2) a signed copy of the separate Lease and Use Agreement, and 3) a check for \$25 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. Mail or drop off your application to Barrington Community Garden, c/o Barrington Town Hall, 283 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806, or provide to a Steering Committee member at the on-site registration.

Applicant Name and Address: _____

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

Plot Assigned _____ Date: _____



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2020 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 conditions for leasing a 5' x 20' plot at the BCG. The annual fee for leasing a plot is \$25, payable by check imprinted with a Barrington address or accompanied by a copy of the lessee's valid driver's license with a Barrington address.

To accept the Lease and Use Agreement, please read and initial each item and then sign.

- I agree to adhere to the policies and procedures of the BCG as described in this lease and use agreement and the following documents (all available at www.barringtoncommunitygarden.org):
 - ❖ BCG General Rules _____ (please initial)
 - ❖ BCG Community Work Commitment _____ (please initial)
 - ❖ BCG Plot Closing Instructions _____ (please initial)
 - ❖ BCG Organic Guidelines _____ (please initial)
 - ❖ BCG Composting Guidelines _____ (please initial)
- I agree to cultivate my leased plot by **Sunday, June 7, 2020**, and maintain it in a relatively weed-free condition and within the plot limits throughout the season. _____ (please initial)
- I agree to weed and woodchip the pathways north and east of my leased plot (up to the next plot or 5 feet) by **Sunday, June 7, 2020**, and I agree to weed and woodchip these pathways for the season. _____ (please initial)
- I agree to volunteer three (3) hours during scheduled seasonal work sessions for each plot I lease to help with community garden tasks (see *BCG Community Work Commitment* for more information). _____ (please initial)
- I agree to clean my plot of all plant debris, cages, stakes, trellises, etc. by the garden closing date of **Sunday, December 6, 2020**. The perimeter fencing may remain over the winter (see *BCG Garden Plot Closing Instructions* for more information). _____ (please initial)
- I understand that plots are not transferable without BCG Steering Committee permission. _____ (please initial)
- I agree to abide by the terms of this Lease and Use Agreement. I understand that if I do not, this agreement may be considered breached, and the plot and annual fee may be forfeited. _____ (please initial)
- I 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: _____
(must be same as on check or driver's license)

Email: _____
(Email is our main mode of communication; please provide an email address that is regularly checked).

Assigned Plot:



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Barrington Community Garden General Rules

- 🌸 The BCG is open from dawn until dusk, seven days a week. Please park in the designated parking area in front of the garden.
- 🌸 Children are welcome in the BCG, under adult supervision. Pets are not allowed in the garden.
- 🌸 Community tools are available in the shed for use by lessees. Please clean and return to the shed after use.
- 🌸 Use of hoses is permitted; however, please take care when moving hoses not to disturb other garden plots or pathways.
- 🌸 All personal tools and supplies must be stored within the boundaries of the leased plot. The shed is not to be used for storing personal items.
- 🌸 Lessees are welcome to harvest herbs, flowers, and vegetables from the Community Garden corners surrounding the central common area and raspberries from the raspberry patch inside the western fence line. Blueberries along the northern fence line are still settling in.
- 🌸 Removing crops from others' plots is not allowed unless permission is granted by the plot's Lessee.
- 🌸 On-site commercial sale of plants, fruits, and/or vegetables from the BCG is not allowed.
- 🌸 Water is available from spigots installed throughout the garden. Spigots should be turned on/off by the metal wheel handle ONLY; please do not use/reposition the red plastic valve on the riser pipe. Repeated use of the plastic valve could cause it to leak.
- 🌸 To protect wildlife, use of plastic netting/fencing or rodent "sticky traps" is not allowed. Metal or bamboo fencing or floating row cover fabric may be used for wildlife exclusion.
- 🌸 No permanent structures are permitted in the leased plot, except for wooden plot borders and perimeter fencing.
- 🌸 BCG maintains a "trash in, trash out" policy; please keep the BCG tidy.
- 🌸 The Town of Barrington is not liable for any injury to persons or property resulting from community gardening or other on-site activities. Participation is at the Lessee's own risk.
- 🌸 All BCG policies/guidance and a request/question form are available on the BCG website: www.barringtoncommunitygarden.org



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Barrington Community Garden Community Work Commitment

As part of the Lease and Use Agreement, all lessees agree to participate in three (3) hours of community work for each plot they lease, to assist in the care and maintenance of common areas and outer pathways of the garden. Community work days will be held throughout the gardening season and are listed on the BCG website (www.barringtoncommunitygarden.org). If the scheduled times posted do not work for you, please contact a Steering Committee member through the website and we will try to arrange an alternate time to accommodate you.

On each scheduled workday, a Steering Committee member will be present to sign you in and identify the community garden tasks in need of attention. All volunteers must sign in with the Steering Committee member for the work time to be counted. Each scheduled session is a “come-as-you-may,” with no prior notification needed, and can be performed for the full session or in 15-minute increments. To help you track your hours, a log of completed community work hours will be periodically posted on the BCG website and bulletin board.

*In lieu of the above 3 hours of community work per plot, lessees may pay a seasonal community maintenance fee of \$50 per plot to cover community work requirements. This option may be selected by sending a check for the fee, payable to the Town of Barrington and with your BCG Plot# in the memo section, to Barrington Community Garden, c/o Barrington Town Hall, 283 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806, **prior to June 1, 2020**. Selection of this option is not available after June 1, although extenuating circumstances will be considered after this date.*

VERY IMPORTANT: All lessees are required to keep the pathways on the north and east sides of their plot (5 feet out or to the next plot) relatively weed-free and well-covered with wood chips. This requirement is in addition to your 3 hours of community work per leased plot (or payment in lieu of). Path maintenance can be done at any time convenient to your schedule. However, the initial weeding and placement of at least a one-inch layer of wood chips on the pathways must be completed by **Sunday, June 7, 2020**. This keeps the weeds at bay and makes your maintenance of these paths throughout the season much easier.



Barrington Community Garden Organic Guidelines

The Barrington Community Garden is an organic garden where the use of synthetic fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides is **not allowed**. Proper cultivation techniques, such as mulching, proper watering, plant spacing, and hand-weeding, can address most garden issues. Materials and products that are allowed, if and when needed, are contained on two lists:

- Materials that are approved for use in organic gardens by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's **National Organic Program (NOP)**; and
- Products on the **Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)** Product List for crop production.



Following is a short list of some allowed materials and products for various uses. Consult the sources above for additional allowed materials/ products or *ask one of the BCG Steering Committee members* for further assistance.

Fertility and Soil Amendments

- Finished compost (plant, manure, lobster, etc.)
- Compost tea
- Cover crops (e.g., winter rye)
- Animal and plant products, such as:
 - bone, blood, and feather meal
 - kelp/seaweed
 - fish emulsion
- Rock minerals, such as:
 - Agricultural lime and dolomitic limestone
 - Gypsum
 - Epsom salts

Weed Control/Treatment

- Mulch to suppress weed growth, such as:
 - Paper that is not glossy and free from colored ink
 - Straw (NOT hay – regular hay has seeds!) or salt marsh hay
- Herbicidal soaps (non-specific weed killer)
- Corn gluten meal (non-GMO) (suppresses germination, so not where you will be planting seed)



Insect Pests and Diseases (don't treat indiscriminately; know what you are treating)

- Biological and microbial products, such as:
 - Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)
 - Bacillus subtilis
 - Spinosad (e.g., Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew)
- Organic insecticidal soap
- Diatomaceous earth
- Minerals, such as:
 - Elemental sulfur
 - Copper sulfate
 - Sodium/potassium bicarbonate
 - Kaolin clay
- Oils - narrow range petroleum, vegetable, and fish oils
- Pheromones and pheromone traps
- Plant-derived substances, such as:
 - Neem
 - Pyrethrins (not pyrethroids, which are synthetic)

Construction Material

Any natural or inert material that will not readily degrade is suitable for use in constructing plant cages, and trellis structures at the BCG, with preference given to the following:

- Untreated wood (wood should be presumed treated unless there is information to the contrary).
- Metal (e.g., aluminum, copper, steel), including wire
- Sisal/Jute/Twine
- Bamboo stakes

Materials not suitable for use at the BCG include:

- Arsenic-treated wood or old railroad ties
- Plastic lumber
- Plastic or synthetic mulch
- Plastic mesh netting, plastic construction fencing

The use of plastic-coated cages or stakes, synthetic row covers, and PVC piping for constructing plant cages or trellis structures is permitted for the duration of the growing season.