

**WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY  
Community Gardens**

Larch Lane  
Wenham, MA 01984

**COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION**

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<b>THE WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY GARDENS ARE OWNED BY THE WENHAM HOUSING AUTHORITY</b>
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**A. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Last Name		First Name			ML
Home Address		City/Town	State	Zip	
Mailing Address		City/Town	State	Zip	
Home Phone	Cell Phone		Email		

**B. VEHICLE(S)**

Registration #	State	Make	Model	Color
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**C. ASSIGNED PLOT(S) Number**

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**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**IN ORDER TO MAKE GARDENING PLEASANT FOR ALL...** Gardeners will keep a clean and well-maintained garden area. All organic waste material must be REMOVED from the garden daily, and other debris placed in designated areas.

**IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY...** Gardeners will respect their fellow members and be helpful and courteous at all times.

**IN ORDER TO BE A GOOD GARDENING NEIGHBOR...** Gardeners will minimize the shading of neighboring plots and will not allow plants to grow into walkways or other plots. Any crowding or shading plants may be trimmed without warning.

**IN ORDER TO KEEP THEFT IN CHECK...** Gardeners will not tend to, or harvest in another gardener's plot (even those looking abandoned) unless given permission. Gardeners caught stealing produce will be expelled.

**IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR FOOD....** Gardeners will follow organic gardening practices. Gardeners will not use chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or weed repellents.

**IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE IT ALL RUNS SMOOTHLY...** Gardeners will plant and maintain their garden. If a garden has not been weeded by June 1st and planted by June 15th, or it appears to be abandoned at any time during the growing season, the gardener will be contacted and given one week to tend his/her garden. If the gardener does not, his or her garden will be reassigned or tilled in. If something comes up and you are unable to tend to your plot, please contact the WHA Office as soon as possible.

**IN ORDER TO KEEP A GOOD THING GOING....** Gardeners are welcome to use season extending techniques but will otherwise clean out dead plant material in their plot by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE: PERENNIAL GARDENS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

**The Wenham Housing Authority cannot assume any liability for injuries to persons or damage to their property while on WHA owned land; persons entering thereon do so at their own risk.**

## **GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS & BY-LAWS**

**GARDENING SEASON:** April 1 through November 1.

**ROTOTILLING:** Rototilling maybe done at the discretion of the WHA and dependent on the maintenance schedule and weather

**HOURS:** Sunrise to Sunset.

**SALE OF GOODS & SERVICES:** Any sale of Good & Services requires Common Victualler License of which a copy must be submitted with application.

**ALCOHOL POLICY:** Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is expressly prohibited.

**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES:** Possession, consumption or cultivation of controlled substances is prohibited.

**TRASH POLICY:** Gardeners are responsible for picking up and removing their trash. Gardeners will be responsible for any damage done to the property during the term of this agreement.

**DOGS:** Dogs are NOT ALLOWED in the garden area.

**RESPECT OUR WILDLIFE:** Do not feed, touch or harass our wildlife. Bird feeders are NOT ALLOWED. Application of poisons is prohibited.

**PARKING POLICY:** There is no parking on the perimeter road or where your vehicle may otherwise obstruct the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic around the gardens, except to load or unload supplies. You are responsible for damage to lawns, garden plots etc. caused by your vehicle.

**DUMPING:** The WHA provides a location behind the gardens at the tree line for piling organic compost only. Dumping trash, non-organic items or waste that originated from outside the community gardens will result in fines and/or revocation or non-renewal of your gardening permit. Only dump in appropriate piles as marked.

**PESTICIDES: ONLY** organic products are allowed. You must follow manufacturer's directions carefully or beneficial insects will be harmed. Banned substances can result in the loss of garden plot.

**WATERING:** You may use buckets or your own hose(s) to water your garden - and adhere to any town water restrictions during the growing season. CONSERVE! Do not leave water running or sprinklers un- attended. Alert WHA staff by calling in a workorder, to any water system stoppage. Water is for the garden only - no car washing, etc. permitted! Water restrictions may occur as dictated by the Town of Wenham.

**MULCHING:** Newspaper, weed cloth must be properly secured, either by thickly mulching or pinning **NOTE:** weed cloth needs to be removed at the end of gardening season and disposed of properly.

**ROCKS:** You may place rocks/stones cleaned from your garden in the dirt portion of the perimeter of your garden, not in the path of the lawn mower.

**STORAGE:** NONE! All tools, hoses, wheelbarrows, chairs, barrels, wood, baskets, fences, metal, etc., must be removed from your garden at the end of the growing season.

**FENCES:** No fences.

**WAIVER**

In consideration given to me by the Wenham Housing Authority, specifically the use of WHA owned land for a garden plot, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby release and discharge the Wenham Housing Authority from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of every name and nature which I know have or might have upon or against said Wenham Housing Authority, its agents, servants or employees, and especially from all claims arising out of any and all personal injuries, damages, expenses and any loss or damage whatsoever resulting or to result from the Wenham Housing Authority allowing me the use of said property for gardening purposes. It is also understood and agreed that I will hold harmless the Wenham Housing Authority from all claims, demands and suits for damages, costs, loss of services, expenses or compensation which I, my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, successors, assigns have or may have on account of or in any way growing out of said use of WHA property for gardening purposes or its results by the Wenham Housing Authority or its agents, servants or employees.

I further understand that this release is to compromise and terminate all claims for injuries or damages of whatever nature, known or unknown, including any damages known or unknown to the fruits, vegetable, herbs or flowers which I have planted.

It is further understood that the Wenham Housing Authority is not solely responsible for supplying the water. The WHA does not provide materials necessary for the care of my garden.

**D. SIGNATURE-** I hereby affirm that the information provided is true and correct. I attest that I have read and understood and agree to abide by the Rules, Regulations, & Code of Conduct governing the community gardens and that my failure to do so will result in revocation or non-renewal of your garden permit. I understand that a garden at the Wenham Housing Authority is a privilege not a right.

Print Name:	Signature:	Date:
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**This policy was adopted by the Wenham Housing Authority Board of Commissioner at their regular meeting on October 12, 2020.**