

BALLSTON SPA HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN

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Ballston Spa Community Garden Application Form

Our Community Garden is an organic style garden on the site of the high school's land. A number of plots are available for gardening on site. Beginning gardeners are encouraged to consider using the smallest size plot. Returning gardeners will be given preference for their old plot. Gardeners are limited to one plot. Multiple families sharing a single plot is allowed and encouraged. Applications are not considered complete unless the applicant reads and agrees to the Rules and Regulations. If you wish to reserve a plot, please fill out this Application Form. These are **due by 5/1/2016**. Applications after the deadline will be accepted based on availability.

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

HOME:

CELL:

Email Address:

Please note that your name and email address will be shared by the Garden Manager to other gardeners for communication purposes, but all of your contact information will be provided to the Garden Manager only.

I wish to reserve a 4' x16' plot. I have read and understand the Rules and Regulations for the Community Garden and I agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to abide by the Rules & Regulations may result in the immediate revocation of the use of the Community Garden and forfeit of any plants growing.

Electronic signature

- I understand this is a legal representation of my signature

OR

Hand-written signature _____

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Rules & Regulations

General Requirements

1. Gardeners must follow all local, state and federal laws, the Conservation Commission's Regulations for the use of the garden and high school property. Gardeners agree to hold Ballston Spa School District harmless for any and all liability that may be incurred by themselves or third parties as a result of the use of the premises. The gardener accepts the risk of loss.
2. Failure to comply with these Rules & Regulations may result in the loss of gardening privileges, including loss of the assigned plot.
3. The public is permitted on the paths within and accessing the garden. The public is not permitted within garden plots without the invitation of the gardener. The garden area is open when according to the school rules below.
4. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The district and FANs reserve the right to relocate or remove the garden or any plots at the end of the season.
5. Gardeners are responsible for any children they bring. No pets are allowed.
6. Gardeners will park in designated parking areas and not drive vehicles into the garden. Materials will be hand carried into the garden by using the access path. A small wagon may be used by gardeners to transport garden materials.

Gardening Requirements

1. The Community Garden shall be treated organically. Gardeners may not use herbicides on or around the garden. The use of insecticides and fungicide made from synthetic chemical materials are prohibited. Gardeners may use composted manure and other materials approved for organic use. No materials of any type shall be applied in a manner that affects adjacent garden areas.
2. By June 17, if a reserved plot does not show clear evidence of active gardening, the plot may be reassigned. Abandoned plots will be reassigned and treated as necessary.
3. By Columbus Day, each gardener must clear all corner stakes, fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic material. Any vines or large plants shall be chopped so a cover crop can be planted. Gardeners who fail to prepare their plots may be subject to a non-refundable clean up fee.
4. No motorized equipment shall be used in the garden before 9:00 AM on any day, except 10:00 AM on Sundays. Amplified sound is not permitted.
5. No planting of invasive plants. Mint plants should be planted in pots so to avoid taking over.
6. No permanent fixtures may be installed in a plot. Temporary seasonal fences may be installed. Fences shall be installed in a manner that will not trap birds or insects; for instance, fencing will not be doubled over. Fencing material shall be black, earth tone or natural color to reduce visibility. Supports used by gardeners for fencing or vegetation will be traditional cages, stakes, strings and ties. Installed supports may not exceed 60 inches in height.
7. Any mulching material must be either biodegradable.
8. Each gardener is responsible for keeping the aisle and area surrounding their plot free and clean of weeds, trash, and tools.
9. Gardeners shall securely close the gate when leaving the garden.
10. Watering tasks will be shared on a community calendar unless you opt out.
11. Any debris and trash, other than compost materials, will be carried out at the end of the day. Personal items, other than gardening hand tools and water buckets to be stored on the plot, will be removed at the end of the day.
12. A compost pile will be near the trees behind the garden and may be used at the beginning of each season with permission.
14. Gardeners are expected to help the garden manager with overall garden chores.