



*Lawrence Township Community Gardens*

## 2024 COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Lawrence Township Recreation Department provides 20' by 20' garden plots for the gardening enthusiast. The garden plots are located on land donated each year by the Lawrenceville School on Route 206 just to the North of the school. So, if tomatoes, lettuce or sunflowers are your pride and joy, then this is for you!

### **Registration and Pricing**

Returning gardeners have from March 6th to March 19th to secure their plot(s) from the previous year. Applications by new gardeners will be accepted beginning March 21st for remaining plots. Individuals are limited to 2 (two) plots. In order to register please call or stop in to the Lawrence Recreation Department.

Pricing per 20' by 20' plot:                      1 Plot: \$45                      2 Plots: \$90

Out-of-town fee: doubled original fee

### **Boundary Lines**

Plot corner are clearly marked with stakes. Please do not remove these stakes during the season. Be considerate of your neighbors; do not plant sprawling crops or tall ones that might interfere with others. Keep structures under 4 feet tall. If you are using fencing, you are only allowed to use green colored fencing. Do not discard rotting vegetables or weeds near other gardens.

All gardeners must keep plants in their own plots. Do not let your plants or weeds creep into the aisles or into your neighbor's plot. Keep rocks and other materials out of pathways and borders to allow lawn mowing to be completed easily.

## **Organic / Compost**

All gardens will be fully organic. Only organic fertilizer or insecticides are permitted. Compost will only be delivered one time. The compost is to be shared amongst all gardeners. Below is the information for the Township Ecological Facility.

### Lawrence Township / Township Ecological Facility

Compost and double ground wood chips are available to all Lawrence Township residents at the Township Ecological Facility, located at 3701 Princeton Pike, just south of Fackler Road.

### Hours of Operation are:

Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 2:30pm

Saturday, Sunday, and Township Holidays - Closed

At the end of the season, one of the biggest issues we have is removing and disposing of plastic weed blocker materials. As the State of New Jersey makes advances towards eliminating plastic products for environmental benefits, please keep that in mind when choosing what to put in your garden plot which includes plastic weed barrier.



## **Watering**

The Water Pump needs to be handled with care. Use long and steady strokes pushing and pulling to get water. Please watch children around the water pump. No hanging or playing by the pump.

## **Requirements**

Gardeners must keep their garden weeded and harvested properly.

Gardeners who have not began gardening 2 weeks after the opening date will be subject to forfeit their plot(s).

Each gardener must have their plots cleared of all inorganic materials before November 1st. All weeds and plant materials must be relocated to the designated compost area by the front driveway only. No trash is to be placed in any area of the property or left in your plot.

## Responsibility

It is the gardeners responsibility to make sure they are in the correct spot that was assigned to them during registration to avoid conflicts with other gardeners. If you have a question about your plot number please contact the Lawrence Recreation Department.

Family members are welcome to the garden site. Please supervise young children at all times. Each gardener is responsible for their actions and any guests.

## Smoking

No smoking on the garden property. The property is owned by the Lawrenceville School and smoking is prohibited on school grounds.

## Banned rules

Each gardener must clear their plot of all inorganic materials before November 1st. Dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost areas. No trash is to be placed in any area of the property.

Failure to remove all trash and inorganic material will result in loss of future garden plot(s). Anything you carry in must be carried out with you.

## Dog Regulations

Dogs are allowed on property. However, we ask that you keep them on a leash at all time, ensure that they are friendly and well behaved, and prevent excessive barking to maintain a peaceful atmosphere.

## Parking

When parking your vehicle, be considerate of others and respectful of the neighboring houses. You may park on the side of the path, but please ensure there is ample space for other vehicles to maneuver safely. Avoid blocking the pathway completely. Parking is at your own risk. The garden property is not responsible for damage, theft, or other incidents that might occur while on the premises.

