



Grafton Community Garden

PO Box 453, Grafton, MA 01519-0453

Mission

The Grafton Community Garden seeks to promote and support local horticulture for the residents of the Town, to encourage the local production of food, to promote the educational benefits of agriculture, and to promote a beneficial community experience.

Location

The Grafton Community Garden is located on the property known as Hennessey II at 48 Old Westboro Road. The entrance is on Estabrook.

Membership Rules

General Rules

- All members must read and agree to the terms outlined in these "Membership Rules".
- The Grafton Community Garden is on town-owned land and therefore all relevant rules must be followed.
- Plot assignments and property oversight is the responsibility of the Garden Management Committee (GMC) of the Grafton Garden Club.
- All members must sign the Liability Waiver Agreement.
- The GMC reserves the right to modify the Membership Rules at any time and for any reason.
- The GMC will be responsible for member conflict resolution as necessary.
- The GMC will oversee seasonal tasks and equipment, such as plowing, water, fencing, parking and a shared composting area.
- Members and visitors are required to park in designated parking areas only.
- No animals allowed in the garden area.



Grafton Community Garden Membership Rules – continued

- Family members and guests are welcome at the community garden. Children must be supervised at all times.
- All members are strongly encouraged to attend the orientation session/opening ceremony on the last Sunday in April at 10am at the Community Garden.

Costs and membership

- Garden Membership fees are \$20.00 per member. This fee is a one-time cost for as long as the gardener maintains a plot in the garden for consecutive seasons. This membership fee goes into the Community Garden Maintenance fund, and does not automatically confer membership in the Grafton Garden Club. The additional, optional membership fee for the Grafton Garden Club can be included when you send in your application form.
- First-time members are restricted to one plot. Renewing members are able to ask for a second plot on a space-available basis.
- Annual plot fees are \$20.00 for the first plot and \$10 for a second plot.
- Renewal plot fees for existing Garden Members are due before the last Sunday in April to guarantee your space and assignment of your plot. Any renewals not received by that date will be accepted on a space-available basis with the new applications and cannot guarantee that the same plot will be available.
- Second plot assignments are done on a first-come, first served basis after non-renewals are confirmed and before opening the applications to the general public.
- Payment of the one-time membership fee and annual plot fee are due with the application for first-time members.
- Fees must be submitted with a signed Member Application and Liability Waiver each year.
- Your check should be made payable to the Grafton Community Garden and sent to PO Box 453, Grafton, MA 01519-0453.

Plot size and assignment

- You can initially apply for one plot.
 - Requests for additional plots will be considered on a case-by-case and space-available basis after your first year in the garden.
 - The Garden Management Committee (GMC) assigns plots.
 - If you are renewing your plot application, please indicate if you want your previous plot or plots again.
 - The size of a plot is approximately 20' x 20'.
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Grafton Community Garden Membership Rules – continued

Plot usage

- Acceptable crops include vegetables, herbs, flowers, and small fruit plants.
- The intent of the Grafton Community Garden is for home consumption or for the benefit of non-profit organizations and therefore commercial production is prohibited.
- Plant tall crops so that they do not shade neighboring plots.
- Be respectful of the shared space and considerate of the other gardeners.
- Use of raised beds is allowed; however, the request must be approved by the GMC for specifications and materials.

Plot maintenance

- The Grafton Community Garden is open for planting on the last Sunday of April.
- The Grafton Community Garden closes around November 1 each year, although you may harvest crops as long as you can, until the end of each calendar year.
- Use materials that are environmentally safe.
- Gardeners are responsible for providing their own tools. Tools must be removed from the garden area when not in use.
- Remove all plastic mulch, row covers, and plant stakes when you are done.
- Gardeners are responsible for the disposal of weeds and other plant materials in the designated compost area.

Here are some resources that the Grafton Community Garden thinks you may find useful, as you get ready to start gardening with us. Offers may be discontinued at any time, please verify that the offer is still being offered with the resource.

1. Grafton Community Garden website (find an updated version of this resource list with active hyperlinks along with a forum for gardeners to share information and seed exchanges: garden.graftongardenclub.org)
2. The Official e-mailing list (grafton-community-garden@googlegroups.com).
3. Grafton Garden Club workshops
4. Grafton Garden Club Plant Sale in the middle of May each year, from 9am to 2pm on the Grafton Common (annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables for your garden: www.graftongardenclub.org)
5. Angel Hair Alpacas, 66 Wesson Road, North Grafton (free fertilizer by the bucket or truck full: 508-839-9856)
6. Bemis Farms Nursery, 29 North Brookfield Road, Spencer, MA (join their email list, watch their instructional videos, sign up for a workshop; successful gardening...GUARANTEED: www.bemisfarmsnursery.com)
7. The Farmer's Daughter, 153 Millbury Street, Auburn (plants, supplies, tools, and advice, email newsletter: www.thefarmersdaughterauburn.com)
8. Worm's Way, 121 Worcester-Providence Turnpike (Rt. 146) Sutton (earth-friendly gardening products: www.wormsway.com; 508-865-6458)
9. Tower Hill, 11 French Drive, Boylston (email on special events, gardening tips, leads on the best area nurseries, new plant introductions: www.towerhillbg.org)
10. The Home Depot Garden Club (expert solution; access to a community of gardeners; emails with timely, regional gardening advice; exclusive savings: homedepotgardenclub.com/savings)
11. The Cook's Garden catalog (seeds and plants for gourmet gardeners: www.cooksgarden.com; 1-800-457-9703)
12. Garden Tools by Lee Valley catalog (1600+ gardening tools and accessories: 1-800-683-8170; email newsletter and notification of special buys: leevalley.com/newsletter)
13. Burgess Seed & Plant catalog (www.eBurgess.com)
14. Micronutrients educational e-booklet (grow.keyplexdirect.com or call 407-459-7682)
15. Master Gardening (composter, potting benches, gardening supplies, unique pots and planters, garden décor: mastergardening.com or 1-888-422-3337)
16. Blue Stone Garden (quality garden products from around the world: www.BlueStoneGarden.com; 1-866-543-1222)
17. Burpee catalog (gardening's most wanted catalog: www.burpee.com)
18. Seeds of Change (preserving biodiversity and supporting sustainable organic agriculture since 1989: www.seedsofchange.com; 1-888-762-7333)
19. Vegetarian Times magazine (ways to use all the vegetables you'll grow and email newsletters: www.vegtariantimes.com)
20. Organic Gardening magazine (indispensable tool for the avid gardener with daily tips, regional gardening calendars, product reviews, forums, blogs, and more: www.organicgardening.com)



Grafton Community Garden Liability Waiver and Application Form

Return these two, signed, forms to:
Grafton Community Garden
PO Box 453
Grafton, MA 01519-0453
with your membership and plot fee by the last Sunday of April

Liability Waiver Agreement

I agree to hold harmless the Town of Grafton, the Grafton Board of Selectmen, and the Grafton Garden Club for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests. By signing below, I state that I have read and agree to the terms of the "Grafton Community Garden Membership Rules". I realize and understand that I am willfully entering into this agreement and that I am performing activities at the Grafton Community Garden on a strictly volunteer basis at my own risk.

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____



Grafton Community Garden Member Application Form

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell/Other Phone: _____

email: _____

Please sign this application to indicate that you have received, agreed to, and submitted the following:

- _____ I understand that Membership in the Grafton Community Garden is at the discretion and approval of the Garden Management Committee
- _____ I have read and agree to the Membership Rules
- _____ I have signed and enclosed the Liability Waiver Agreement
- _____ I have enclosed the \$20 New Member Fee (if not paid previously)
- _____ I have enclosed the \$20 Annual Plot Fee
- _____ I have enclosed \$10 for Community Garden membership in the Grafton Garden Club
- _____ I have enclosed the \$10 Annual Second Plot Fee, subject to availability
- _____ I request to be assigned the same plot location as last year, if applicable

Signature

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For Office Use

_____ Approved _____ Denied
Date Received: _____ Payment Amount: _____ Payment Type: _____
Plot(s) Assigned: _____ Notes: _____