



## Round Hill Community Garden Park Garden Plot Rules and Rental Agreement



The purpose of the Garden Plot rules is to ensure that all:

- participating gardeners have the opportunity for a positive gardening experience, and
- garden plot sites are an asset to the community.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Renting Your Plot

(Initials)

1. Your \$25.00 rental fee will be used by the Round Hill Community Garden (RHCG) Committee and the Town of Round Hill to prepare and maintain the property. An additional security deposit of \$25.00 will be refunded at the end of the season provided that the garden plot is maintained as specified in the plot maintenance rules. In addition, a \$10.00 refundable water deposit will allow us to cover any cost overruns in irrigation, should that occur.
2. Plots are rented on a first-come first-served basis. Additional prospective renters will be placed on a waiting list. As plots become available, a RHCG Coordinator will notify you by phone. If you decline the plot, or do not respond within 7 days, the plot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.
3. Only one plot per household. If any unclaimed plots remain after all registrants have been assigned a plot, these will be offered to any registered gardener as a second plot for a full additional fee.
4. Gardeners may not give away or sublet their plots. If you no longer wish to garden or you are moving out of the area, please contact your RHCG Coordinator to return your plot to the pool so it may be offered to the next on the waiting list. Your security deposit will be refunded if the plot has been properly maintained.
5. These garden plots are temporary fixtures. The town reserves the right to redesign or relocate plots at the end of the season.
6. Gardeners using a community garden plot are expected to provide at least 8 hours of assistance in preparing and maintaining the garden. The necessary tasks and activities will be coordinated with the garden manager .
7. There is **no guarantee that any Particular plot will be carried over from year to year.**





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### \_\_\_\_\_ Maintenance of Your Plot (Initials)

The RHCG Coordinators will inspect the garden plots weekly and notify gardeners if their plot is not in compliance with these rules. The gardener will be instructed to take corrective action. Repeated offenses or lack of corrective action within two weeks of the notification will result in revocation of gardening privileges. The plot will revert back to the Town and the security deposit will be forfeited.

At the beginning of each season, the plots will be tilled, and the soil amended as necessary.

1. Ours is an organic garden. Chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers are forbidden. Organic soil amendments and pest remedies, such as: manure, compost, marigolds etc., may be used instead. (Area farm supply and garden stores carry many suitable products.)
2. Gardening is permitted dawn to dusk.
3. All gardeners must maintain their plots in a reasonable manner, otherwise weeds and garden debris may serve as cover and food for undesirable insects, rodents, and other vermin. Weeds must be kept below 12".
4. You may leave tools and related gardening equipment at your garden plot site at your own risk. Please keep tools, stakes, bags and debris inside the plots to avoid danger to maintenance crews and fellow gardeners. We strongly urge you to store them in the storage shed for public safety.
5. Please remove all standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.
6. Plants and weeds (please avoid seeds) may be placed in the designated compost bins. Please observe the signs on the compost bins directing their proper use. Please feel free to donate lawn clippings and leaves for composting but do not overfill the compost bin.
7. Fencing and netting may be used over and around your plot as long as it is made of chicken wire or other open mesh materials that allow light transmission. Fencing should be less than six feet in height and may not be attached to the numbered garden plot stakes. Do not use pressure treated lumber or wood preservatives other than water based paint. Please remember to remove your fence posts at the close of the season.
8. Please do not remove or relocate the garden plot stakes.
9. Gardeners, please remove all plants, debris, stakes, fencing, plastic, tools, etc., from the plots prior to the close of the gardening season. If remaining materials must be removed, you will forfeit your security deposit and your opportunity to reclaim your plot for the following season.





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## \_\_\_\_ Responsibilities to Your Fellow Gardeners

(Initials)

1. Please do not block garden paths with vehicles, equipment or debris.
2. Highly invasive plants or perennial plants (shrubs, trees, vines, etc.) are not permitted.
3. Do not build a structure or plant anything that will shade or interfere with adjacent garden plots.
4. Building berms or channeling water from your plot is not allowed if it adversely affects neighboring plots.
5. Do not have anything delivered to the garden area unless you are there to receive it and place it on your plot.
6. Please dispose of trash and debris in the provided trash bin on site. If the container is full, do not attempt to add more. Instead, you must bag your trash and take it with you. Do NOT dispose of trash on the garden property or thereabouts.
7. While on the community garden property, all town and police rules must be obeyed at all times.
  - a. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages is forbidden
  - b. Commercial activity is forbidden.
  - c. Do not hold public events without the permission of the town council.

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**Your signature below constitutes understanding and agreement to obey the Round Hill Community Garden Rules and to be a responsible member of the gardening community.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your choices for a garden plot: Plot size (circle one): 20'x20' 20'x10''

Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_





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**RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT  
ROUND HILL COMMUNITY GARDEN PARK**

In consideration of the permission of the Town of Round Hill to rent a plot in the Round Hill Community Garden Park, I, David Sheckler, my family members, guests, successors and assigns, ("Participant") do hereby forever release and discharge the Town of Round Hill, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents and the Round Hill Community Garden Park volunteers ("Town") from claims and charges for any and all liability arising from participation in the Round Hill Community Garden Park. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold the Town harmless from any and all costs, including attorney's fees, for claims of liability that may be made by the participant or third parties from the participation in the Round Hill Community Garden Park.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

