



## SIMSBURY COMMUNITY GARDENS 2017 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Simsbury Community Gardens have been described as the "best bargain in town" - recreationally, economically, socially, and even therapeutically! In order to maintain this reputation we ask that you observe a few simple rules of courtesy.

**Locating Your Plot** - Your plot is between your numbers on the two corners facing each other. We always post a map of the area near the Seed Swap Box. If you are at all uncertain as to where you belong, please call the Simsbury Farms front desk at 860-658-3836 **before** you plant. Anyone who plants in the wrong lot may be subject to having plants turned under by the correct renter.

**Water** - Costs are escalating! **Please do not leave sprinklers running all day.** We ask that you limit watering to the early morning or evening hours. Sprinklers left on for extended periods during the day may be turned off, and possibly confiscated. During drought periods, even-numbered gardens can be watered on even-numbered days, and odd-numbered gardens can be watered on odd-numbered days (Aquarion Water Co. guidelines). If you notice a leaking spigot, please call us at 860-658-3836.

**Produce/Tools** - Please limit picking to your own produce. Do not help yourself to crops of other gardeners unless you have been invited to do so. Please only use your own tools, stakes, hoses, etc. unless an agreement is made with your neighbor.

**Fencing** – Please refrain from using fine netting as well as any metal in the garden, other than tomato cages, which must be removed at the end of the season.

**Garbage** - Please only throw non-biodegradable items in the garbage cans, ie: wire, wood, plastic, etc. Your rocks and stones should be put in a pile at the water end of your row, and rotting vegetable matter can be placed in a mound at the access end of your plot, to be turned under at the end of the season. We are trying to minimize the amount of garbage by recycling as much as we can.

**Organic Gardens** - The **200 Row** as well as **#117-130** at the Ethel Walker location, is for organic gardeners only. No chemical pesticides or chemical fertilizers can be used in this row. In the 100 row, #116 will be left alone as a buffer between the organic and non-organic plots.

**Parking Permit:** A Parking permit will be provided for each gardener, which will serve as identification to enter the garden plots. Please place the permit on your car dashboard.

**Planting/Cleaning out Plot-** Plots should be ready to plant by late April or the beginning of May. We will notify you once they are ready. All plots must be cleaned out no later than October 31. It is your responsibility to remove anything that can not be plowed under.

If, for any reason, you cannot put your plants in by June 1, please let us know what your intentions are for use of your lot. Unused lots are unsightly and the unsightly weeds tend to encroach on neighboring lots.