

EWING COMMUNITY GARDENS

GROWING A GREENER/HEALTHIER EWING



Good Neighbors Guidelines

The Community Gardening experience involves individually maintained garden plots as well as cooperative efforts in caring for an entire site. Because a community garden is a shared space, gardeners need to be considerate of their gardening neighbors. Following the recommendations below will result in a successful community gardening experience for all.

Plot Maintenance - Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of his/her garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener and upkeep needs to be regular. This includes the pathways immediately surrounding assigned plots which need to be kept free of any vegetation. Untended weeds go to seed and also have a nasty tendency to spread throughout a garden. Good neighbors keep weeds at a minimum so that all may enjoy the community gardening experience.

Harvesting - Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from the gardens of others only with the permission of the plot owner.

Height Restrictions - Gardeners should not plant tall plants where they will shade a neighbor's plants.

Pets and Children are welcome in the garden but should be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times.

Volunteer Hours - Many hands make light work. Even with the best maintenance of individual plots, there will still be overall maintenance chores involved in running any community garden. Participation in monthly cleanup and maintenance chores is strongly requested so that the "community" aspect of community gardening is realized.

Watering - Use only as much water as you need – waste as little as possible. Please be sure to notify garden leadership [at ewingcommunitygardens@gmail.com] or the Township if a leak is noticed.

Trash - Unless we can arrange for regular trash pickup, gardeners are responsible for packing out what they brought in. Do not pile debris in any garden space because it can create habitat for rodents and be unsafe.

Abandonment - If a gardener must abandon a plot he/she should notify garden leadership promptly either in person or at ewingcommunitygardens@gmail.com.

End of Season - Gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material at the end of the growing season and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.