

## RODALE PLEASANT PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

In addition to the rules set forth by NYRP, Rodale Garden members must abide by the following additional garden rules in order to remain in Good Standing.

### 1. **Attending Garden Meetings:**

- A. Members are required to attend the first and last Monthly Meeting of the garden season. If members cannot attend these meetings they should notify the garden ahead of time by sending an email to [rodalecommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:rodalecommunitygarden@gmail.com).
- B. Additionally, members must attend at least five out of eight Monthly Meetings during the garden season.
- C. Members are asked to treat each other with respect and for the sake of brevity, please keep comments as brief as possible during monthly meetings.

### 2. **Completing Open Hours:**

- A. There are seven open hour shifts every week. The shifts are on Friday from 3:00pm-7:00pm, and Saturday & Sunday from 10:00am-2:00pm, 12:00pm-4:00pm and 2:00pm-6:00pm.
- B. Before joining the garden, prospective members must complete one (four-hour long) open hours shift shadowing a current member.
- C. All members must volunteer for and complete (weather permitting) one open hours shift in each calendar month of the garden season.
- D. Open hours serve the two purposes: 1) Making the garden open and accessible to the community and 2) Performing necessary maintenance tasks in the garden. Members are expected to clean, sweep, rake, and water the garden when needed.

### 3. **Garden Maintenance:**

- A. Members are responsible for maintaining their assigned garden plots.
- B. Members are responsible for learning the proper use of essential garden systems, including water, compost, toilet, etc.
- C. Members must follow organic gardening practices. The use of chemical fertilizers or pesticides is not allowed.
- D. Members are expected to make good use of their plots. Plots should be dug over and cleared by May's Monthly Meeting and cultivated by June's Monthly Meeting.
- E. Flowers, plants, herbs, and vegetables from individual plots and community areas may only be picked, pulled, or harvested if the primary gardener/caretaker(s) gives you permission.
- F. No changes to the communal garden areas may be made without permission of the Planting Committee.
- G. Individual plot holders should regularly weed their plots and the surrounding pathways.
- H. The pathway surrounding the plots must be kept clear of rocks, planters, and all personal items. These are tripping hazards and will be removed.
- I. No permanent or semi-permanent structure can be constructed and no tree should be planted in a plot without the prior approval of garden members at a Monthly Meeting.
- J. Members will clean and return garden tools after use.

- K. Members are expected to leave the garden as they found it. This includes picking up trash, disposing of coals, and putting away children's toys.
- L. Members who go away during the gardening season should make arrangements so that their plot is well maintained while they are away.
- M. Those unable to harvest their crops should make arrangements with other garden members or contact the Membership/Plot Coordination Committee so that harvestable crops are not wasted.

4. **Community:**

- A. Please stay on the paths.
- B. Only members have keys, no copies shall be made. Keys will be provided by the Membership/Plot Coordination Committee.
- C. When leaving the garden, check to see if you are the last person inside. If so, please securely lock all the gates and sheds.
- D. Parents/Caretakers must ensure that children understand and follow all garden rules. Children under the age of eighteen may not be in the garden without having a parent or caretaker present.
- E. Please read and follow the signs at the compost/hotbox station about what organic waste can be dropped off and when.
- F. When mulch and compost are available, they are for everyone to share. Please take a moderate amount so we may all benefit.
- G. Members may invite friends to events (such as BBQs, birthday parties, etc.) by first informing the membership, posting on the garden calendar, and by agreeing to clean the garden and all equipment used after the event. The garden Member must be present during the event.

***Members found to have violated the garden rules will be notified by the Membership/Plot Coordination Committee at the next monthly meeting and/or by email and given an opportunity to make corrections. Members who are unable to return to Good Standing risk losing their membership, subject to a vote at a monthly meeting.***