

# **GARDENER'S GUIDE FOR NORFOLK COMMUNITY GARDEN**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. There are 31 raised beds in the Garden plot contained in a fenced area 50' x 100'.
2. Each bed is constructed of pressure treated wood in the external parts, and stable, non-toxic composite decking material for sides. The boxes have a floor of 1/2' grid, galvanized mesh, topped with landscape fabric. This allows drainage and produces an impervious barrier to burrowing animals.
3. There are 3 types of beds, each sized differently. Each size is meant to be appropriate for different needs.
4. There are three accessible beds. These measure 10' x 3' x 30" high and have space beneath them to accommodate a wheelchair.
5. There are two beds which measure 6' x 3' x 19" high for those who want a smaller garden.
6. There are 26 beds that measure 12' x 3' x 19" high. These are for the general public.
7. All beds have 4' wide wood chip walks around them and 19" of height, for limited or no bending over. Three-foot width produces accessibility from any side.
8. Each bed has been filled with a 50/50 mixture of loam and compost.
9. There is a 9' wide gravel road through the center of the garden for access with double gates on each end.
10. The plot is surrounded by an 8' high deer fence to keep these animals out.
11. North and South fences contain sill cocks about every 16' to provide access to well water on the property.
12. The South fence has approximately five 110V electrical outlets, spaced evenly from East to West.
13. A roofed bulletin board to provide communication is also on the site.
14. Parking is available at both the East and West ends of the garden, as well as in the overflow near the street. Parking is on grass so please do not drive down to garden in wet conditions (no ruts please).
15. The rental season is April 15 – October 1. **All gardens must be cleaned and stripped by this October date (winter prep takes place at that time).**

## **ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY GARDEN:**

1. Each gardener will be given landscape fabric to suppress weeds and warm the soil.
2. Gardens may be watered **two days per week** from provided hoses on the following schedule: **North side boxes on even days, South side boxes on odd days. Well use prohibits daily watering.**
3. Power is available on site.
4. Combination for gate lock is 1940

## **PLANTING RULES:**

1. Gardeners may grow anything they wish except for dangerous, illegal and/or invasive plants.
2. Please be considerate of fellow gardeners and be sure to refrain from shading another person's plot, etc.
3. Gardeners may introduce small trellises made of safe material as long as they do not shade other gardens.
4. Some plots will get more sun than others and this will affect the selection of plants.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

1. Any resident of Norfolk may reserve a plot by registering through Norfolk Recreation at [norfolk.ma.us](http://norfolk.ma.us).
2. Plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis.
3. **Note: a few boxes are reserved for special assignment** i.e. for the Food Bank or educational classes.

**Boxes are \$30 per season, a \$5 discount is applied to accessible plots**

**No plot allocation allowed until the fee is paid.**

**To Register: [Norfolk.activityreq.com](http://Norfolk.activityreq.com)**

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**For Registration Questions: Norfolk Recreation Department**

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