

OCEANPORT COMMUNITY GARDEN

Myrtle Avenue, Oceanport, NJ 07757

Mission statement: The Oceanport Community Garden strives to develop a community of citizens who work together to create a successful community garden and improve their community and beyond. The garden provides the opportunity for participants to grow their own fresh produce, as well as produce that will be donated to local organizations and individuals in need. The garden also provides educational opportunities for all ages to learn about gardening, sustainability, and wellness.

2015 OCEANPORT COMMUNITY GARDEN SEASON MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND RULES:

1. I will have something planted in my plot and will keep it planted all season. Members will be notified when the soil is ready for planting.
2. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Garden leaders.
3. I will adequately and regularly water my own plot.
4. I will keep weeds down and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
5. I will ensure that my plot will be cared for in my temporary absence (example: vacation), and will notify the Garden Committee of my arrangements.
6. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given 1 week's notice to clean it up. I further understand that failure to do so may result in forfeiture of my plot.
7. I will remove trash and litter from the plot as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
8. I will be respectful of the personal space of other gardeners and help others if/when needed.
9. I will participate in the Spring set up and Fall clean up of the Garden. I will participate in the monthly meetings held each third Tuesday of the month at 7pm.
10. I will leave my plot as I found it at the seasons end, with the removal of any structures, etc. as you may be assigned a different plot the next year.
11. I will plant upright and sprawling crops in their separate designated areas.
12. I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
13. I agree to contribute volunteer hours towards community gardening efforts as needed.

14. I will use only OMRI (Organic Material Review Institute) approved products for pest and weed control in my plot. A list of these will be posted at the Garden.
15. I will turn off all water spigots after use, and coil all hoses neatly on the post provided. I will NOT drag hoses through someone else's garden plot. I will disconnect my soaker hose if it is creating a problem with the watering of other plots.
16. I will chop up all garden waste into small pieces and transfer materials to designated compost bins/areas.
17. I will clean and return all tools to their designated area after use.
18. Any small children that accompany me will be supervised by an adult at all times.
19. I will NOT harm, interfere with, or remove tools from any other plots.
20. I will NOT consume alcoholic beverages on Borough of Oceanport property.
21. I will NOT smoke anywhere on Borough of Oceanport property.

OCEANPORT COMMUNITY GARDEN WILL PROVIDE:

- An individual plot intended to grow produce and/or flowers to be harvested for the plot gardener. Plots are assigned annually on a first come, first serve basis. You will need to apply each year for a spot. If no plots are available, the Garden Committee will keep a waiting list and will notify interested parties as space becomes available. Plots will be 4ft x 20ft.
- Communal plots intended to grow produce to be harvested for donation to local organizations or individuals in need.
- Water spigots and hoses available for use by gardeners.
- Protective fencing around the Community Garden.
- Compost bins and/or areas for disposal of garden waste.
- General soil preparation, garden layout, and coordination prior to and throughout the garden season.
- Access to Master Gardeners for questions and suggestions during the garden season.
- Communication updates as needed via email and posting on the bulletin board in the Community Garden.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Oceanport Community Garden Organizer:

Ellynn Kahle

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Mail or deliver completed application form to:

Oceanport Community Garden

Borough of Oceanport

315 E. Main Street

Oceanport, NJ 07757

Gardeners who wish to have an individual plot are asked to make a suggested donation of \$25

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2015 Application Form

Name (print) _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Phone # (cell) _____

Email Address _____

Plot Requested (circle one) Individual Communal

Experience level Beginner Intermediate Advanced

Interests: _____

(example: help with festivals, PAR garden, charitable work, landscaping, fundraising etc)

I, _____, agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations for the Oceanport Community Garden as provided, and understand that failure to do so may result in forfeiture of my plot. I agree to hold harmless the Oceanport Community Garden, the Borough of Oceanport, their elect officials, employees, agents, students, members, and volunteers thereof with regard to any injury or accident that may occur as a result of use of this facility by me or any of my guests.

Authorized Signature _____

Date _____

(This portion is for office use only)

Plot # Assigned _____

OCG Committee Member _____

Amount Paid _____

Date paid _____

Payment type Check Money Order (circle one)