



Garden Rules and Guidelines for Bed Rental

2023-2024 Season

Introduction

The Halifax Community Garden was established on a base of sustainable learning and practices in order to beautify a once unused space on the Halifax Area High School campus. Garden beds will be available to community members and students/staff who are dedicated to maintaining the bed and following the rules below. If a group fails to comply, they may lose the use of their garden bed for the next year.

Rules and Guidelines

1. A \$25 fee for large (4'x8') and a \$15 fee for small (3'x6') beds will be charged to ensure the gardener is committed to the maintenance of their bed. The money will go to improving and maintaining the garden and providing supplies to the gardener.
2. A meeting with the garden advisor or the garden manager is necessary before the gardener is allowed access to their bed.
3. The gardener will need to keep all their plants in the limits of their bed. They should keep the bed maintained and free of weeds.
4. There will be no use of pesticides or harsh chemicals in the garden space to ensure our all-natural stance. If the gardener has questions, they should contact the garden manager or advisor.
 - a. For more information on [natural insecticides](#), please refer to this link.
 - b. For more information on [natural herbicides](#), please refer to this link.
5. The gardener will keep the bed and surrounding area clean and neat. They will remove any trash and dispose of it properly. They will not let any rotting food in the garden and place it in the compost bins on the side of the greenhouse.
6. The gardener will not plant any illegal or invasive plants. The community garden holds the right to remove any plants that may cause a negative environmental impact.
7. The gardener is not permitted to take any food from other gardeners beds. They will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully theirs.
8. Garden beds used for educational purposes or beds not assigned to the gardener should not be disturbed.
9. If the gardener uses any of the garden's tools they should be returned to their original location when they are finished.
10. The gardener will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and learn.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission!