

2019 Lewisburg Community Garden Plot Renter Contract

_____ (name) agrees to rent a plot at the Lewisburg Community Garden (LCG) and follow the garden rules:

1. New gardeners will attend a garden orientation before working in their plot. Bring any friends, family or children who will be working in the garden with you.
2. Renter pays \$30 fee for the 2019 season (April 6 - December 15, 2019). This fee covers water, trash collection, and access to FREE mulch and compost.
3. Gardeners must start tending their plot by May 15th at the latest. Otherwise Garden staff will re-assign the plot to a new gardener.
4. You are responsible for maintaining your garden plot *and* the pathways around your plot. Keep the weeds in your plot to a minimum. It's recommended to mulch pathways using a few layers of cardboard with wood chip mulch on top. Both are often available for free near the shed.
5. No plastic mulch during the season. Mulch between plants in your plot with organic materials, like newspaper and compost, straw or leaves. Mulching also helps reduce how much you need to water and reduces our water bill. Winterizing a garden plot with plastic ground cover is acceptable, as long you consult with garden staff before covering with plastic, and weigh the plastic down over the winter.
6. If you are the last person to leave the garden, you are responsible for shutting off the main water hydrant and making sure the gates are all locked.
7. Do not plant any woody plants (trees, shrubs) or install any permanent structures.
8. We use only organic practices. A list of approved fertilizers and pesticides will be shared. Non-organic seeds and starts may be planted, however gardeners are encouraged to use organic whenever available.
9. Don't disturb other garden plots. Keep an eye on pets and young children.
10. The garden is open from dawn until dusk.
11. No littering. Use the appropriate trash or recycling bin on site. Be especially respectful to our neighbor at the private residence located on the east side of the garden. (No trespassing, littering, or blocking the driveway.)
12. Reach out to your garden plot "neighbors" to water and harvest from your plot when you are gone for a short time.
13. Let Garden staff know if something comes up and you can not care for your plot for an extended time, such as illness, injury, or extended travel.

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14. Harvest produce in a timely manner to prevent food waste. Keep up with your harvest. If we notice produce going to waste because it's not getting picked, we will contact you and we may start harvesting it to donate it. There are hungry people in our community. We have a responsibility to use what we grow or give it to someone who can.
15. Only harvest crops grown in your assigned plot unless given explicit permission by another plot renter to harvest from their plot.
16. Remove all plants and materials from my plot by **December 15, 2018**, you wish to extend the season using row cover or a cold frame to protect you crops into the fall or winter. If you are extending the season, let the Garden Coordinator know by November 15th. Season Extension gardeners must still remove old plants and unnecessary support structures.

Harmlessness Clause:

I understand that neither Bucknell University, The Lewisburg Community Garden, nor the Borough of Lewisburg are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, THE LEWISBURG COMMUNITY GARDEN AND BOROUGH OF LEWISBURG FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Plot Renter/ Organization Representative

Date