

2023 Lewisburg Community Garden Plot Renter Contract

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

1. All gardeners, including new and returning gardeners, will attend the Orientation session [Sat 4/1 10am-noon at the garden] (preferred) or watch the garden orientation videos. Share with any friends, family or children who will be working in the garden with you.

Video Orientation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sqbo6zG3eA&list=PLy7Be78aL7RZizwS0cFaN5I5PRFHe607V>

2. Renter pays a sliding scale fee for the 2023 season (April 1 - December 1, 2023). This fee covers water, trash collection, and access to FREE mulch and compost.

Sliding Scale Plot Rental Fee

Veterans, refugees, formerly incarcerated and other potentially financially-impacted groups = **Free**

EBT/SNAP users = **\$10**

Low income/wealth = **\$20**

Middle income/wealth = **\$30**

Upper income/wealth = **\$40**

"Friend of the Garden" Contributor = **\$60**

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 as 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 closed and secured.** The irrigation system used at the garden is covered in the Orientation session, and it is important to use correctly to conserve water (and costs).
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 seedlings may be planted, however gardeners are encouraged to use organic whenever available.
9. Don't disturb other garden plots. Especially, keep pets and young children from disturbing other garden plots. All dogs at the garden must be on a leash, both inside and outside of the fence.
10. Reach out to your garden plot "neighbors" to water and harvest from your plot when you are gone for a short time.

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11. 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.
12. Harvest produce in a timely manner to prevent food waste. Keep up with your harvest. Please utilize the produce stand between the apple trees on Water St. We encourage you to put surplus produce from your plot there at the stand anytime. 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.
13. Only harvest crops grown in your assigned plot unless given explicit permission by another plot renter to harvest from their plot.
14. The garden is open from dawn until dusk.
15. 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.)
16. Remove all plants and materials from your plot by December 1, 2023 unless you wish to extend the season using row cover or a cold frame to protect your crops into the fall or winter. Let the Garden staff know by November 1, 2023 if you are extending the season. 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.

 Signature
 Plot Renter/ Organization Representative

 Date

 Print Name
 Plot Renter/ Organization Representative

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