

LITTLE SILVER COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

The LITTLE SILVER COMMUNITY GARDEN (LSCG) seeks to provide an opportunity for Borough residents to grow healthful organic fresh produce and flowers.

**LITTLE SILVER COMMUNITY GARDEN SEASON:
March 1, 2022 – November 15, 2022
Winter Crops may be granted exceptions/extensions**

Open Daily Dawn to Dusk

1. I will have my plot planted by June 1st and will keep it planted all season long.
2. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Garden Manager.
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 remove trash and litter from the plot as well as from adjacent pathways and recycle as appropriate.
6. I will participate in the maintenance of the LSCG grounds and structures as I am physically able to do so.
7. I will not bring pets to the LSCG grounds. Any children that accompany me will be supervised by an adult at all times.
8. I will observe all Borough Ordinances.
9. I will not smoke anywhere on LSCG grounds.
10. **I will not plant any invasive species of plant such as mint, bamboo, etc.**
11. **I will make sure that all garden gates are closed and securely in place when leaving the LSCG grounds.**
12. 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.
13. To the extent possible, I will only use organic products in my plot.
14. I will transfer all garden waste to designated compost bins/areas.
15. **No structure placed in a garden plot can exceed 6 feet in height to prevent casting excessive shade on a neighboring garden plot.**
16. **Tall plants such as corn, sunflowers, and others which can grow more than 6 feet must be planted on the north and/or south side of a garden plot in no more than 2 rows to prevent casting excessive shade on a neighboring garden plot.**

17. **The 4x8 plots in the Pollinator Meadow are designated for flowers only.** Gardeners who use these plots are encouraged to plant flowers that are attractive to pollinators and beneficial insects. No harvestable fruit or vegetable crops may be planted in the area known as the Pollinator Meadow
18. During the growing season, plots that have excessive weeds, unpicked and/or rotting fruit for more than 3 consecutive weeks will be considered abandoned. The plot will be offered to the general public in the following year. If there are extenuating circumstances preventing a gardener from maintaining his or her plot and harvesting fruit, the gardener is expected to notify the Garden manager.
19. Gardeners who enclose their plot with fencing are responsible for keeping the grass in the pathway on the outside of their fencing trimmed.
20. During the COVID pandemic, social distancing rules must be observed.

LITTLE SILVER 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-served basis, with **previous plot holders given 14 days to indicate that they wish to remain in the garden. The sign-up days are from February 14th- Feb 28th. On March 1st any unclaimed plots will be open for new gardeners to apply.** The Garden Manager will maintain a waiting list and notify interested parties as space becomes available.

Little Silver Community Garden will provide:

- Water spigots and hoses within the garden
- Protective fencing around the garden perimeter
- Compost bins and / or areas for disposal of garden waste
- General soil preparation and garden layout
- Communication as needed via email and other available resources, such as the LS Newsletter
- Advice from local gardeners

Instructions:

Mail or deliver the completed application form with check or money order with the appropriate fee based on plot size made payable to "Borough of Little Silver", and send to Borough Hall at:

Little Silver Community Garden c/o
Borough Hall
480 Prospect Avenue
Little Silver, NJ 07739

Upon application approval by the LSCG Manager, the applicant will be notified of the plot number and location. Applications will be processed on a first come – first served basis.

Additional information about how to apply or volunteer to help is available through the LSCG. Please email us at: littlesilvercommunitygardens@gmail.com

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Application and Hold Harmless Agreement For the 2022 Season

Note: Applications will be accepted beginning on February 16, 2022.
Fees: _____ 4'x30' Plot Non-refundable \$50.00 fee ***per plot application***
_____ 4'x12' Plot Non-refundable \$35.00 fee ***per plot application***
_____ 4'x8' Flower Plot Non-refundable \$20.00 fee ***per plot application***

Gardener Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email address:

I, _____, have received and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations for the Little Silver Community Garden as provided and understand that failure to do so may result in forfeiture of my plot. I am also fully aware of the fact there are dangers and risks inherent in gardening activities including but not limited to: risk of physical injury or other harmful consequences that may arise directly or indirectly to me from my participation. Being informed as to these risks and in consideration of being allowed to participate in this Borough sponsored activity; I hereby assume all risks of injury, damage, liability and harm to myself and any individual or child that I may bring in to the Community Garden. I also hereby individually and on behalf of my heirs, executor, and assignees release, and hold harmless the Borough of Little Silver, the Little Silver Community Garden Committee, Borough officials, employees, agents, volunteers and members, and waive any right of recovery I might have to bring lawsuit against them for any personal injury, death, or other consequences that may occur as a result of the use of this facility by me or any of my guests.

Signature:

Date:

Note: All fields must be filled in. Incomplete applications will not be considered.