

**Phippsburg Community Garden  
Rules and Guidelines**  
based on recommendations of  
the American Community Garden Association and Project Grow

People who are assigned plots at the Phippsburg Community Garden agree to the following rules and guidelines. Gardeners must also agree to safe gardening practices during Covid-19. These are based on [CDC recommendations](#) and will be outlined in a separate document.

1. A \$15 donation is recommended for one raised bed.
2. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plots of all plant material and leaving their plots as they found them in the spring.
3. Gardeners agree to follow the rules for weed and insect control and fertilizers and soil amendments below:
  - **Weed Control**  
**Recommended:** Use straw to mulch around established seedlings then hand weed as needed.  
**Prohibited:** Herbicides of any kind as they are hazardous to human health may kill or damage desirable crops, drift into neighboring gardens, or remain in the soil long after initial use.
  - **Insect Control**  
**Recommended:** Companion planting, fabric row covers, horticultural spray oil, and, as a last resort, natural botanical pesticides like Rotenone and Pyrethrum that break down quickly and do not leave harmful residue in the soil  
**Prohibited:** Synthetic pesticides of any kind
  - **Fertilizers and Soil Amendments**  
**Recommended:** Products of plant or animal origin such as compost, leaf mold, livestock manure, blood and bone meal, fish emulsion, kelp meal, liquid seaweed, commercial organic fertilizer blends, and natural mineral fertilizers such as greensand, granite dust, or ground limestone  
**Prohibited:** Inorganic fertilizers of any kinds such as 5-1-5 or Miracle Grow
4. Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims Form (page 2) before any work in the garden can begin.

**Phippsburg Community Garden  
Application/Release of All Claims**

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
am a participant in the Phippsburg Community Garden. As a condition of being allowed  
to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Phippsburg Community Garden and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Community Garden, its nature, risks, or hazards, I have contacted the Phippsburg Community Garden Committee Chairperson, and discussed those questions with her to my satisfaction.
  
2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Phippsburg Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the Phippsburg Community Garden Committee, Community Garden Committee Chairperson, volunteers, other gardeners, and the Town of Phippsburg from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in the Phippsburg Community Garden. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury, or costs that I may incur.
  
3. I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Information about  
Phippsburg Community Garden**

- Each gardener is responsible for the regular maintenance and upkeep of his/her own garden plot. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks, that plot may be reassigned.
- Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must always be supervised. Visitors are welcome to look at garden plots and explore. Maintain 6' Social Distance from others. 5 people at a time maximum in the garden.
- No pets are allowed in the garden.
- Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only.
- Garden plots will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis. Preference for next year's plots will be given to this year's participants first.
- The Phippsburg Community Garden Committee is responsible for ensuring that the rules are always followed.

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**RECEIPT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**PAID BY:**     check         cash

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 donation per raised garden bed

payment received by \_\_\_\_\_