

NORFOLK COMMUNITY GARDEN: Gardener's Guide

GENERAL GARDEN INFORMATION:

1. There are 31 raised beds in the Garden plot contained in a fenced area 50' x 100'.
2. Each bed is constructed of pressure treated wood in the external parts, and stable, non-toxic composite decking material for sides. The boxes have a floor of ½' grid, galvanized mesh, topped with landscape fabric. This allows drainage and produces an impervious barrier to burrowing animals.
3. There are 3 types of beds, each sized differently for different needs. 3' paths provide accessibility from all sides.
4. There are three wheelchair accessible beds. These measure 10' x 3' x 30" high.
5. There are two beds which measure 6' x 3' x 19" high for those who want a smaller garden.
6. There are 26 beds that measure 12' x 3' x 19" high. These are for the general public.
7. Beds were originally filled with 50/50 mixture of loam and compost.
8. The garden is surrounded by an 8' high deer fence.
9. North and South fences contain sill cocks about every 16' to provide access to well water on the property.
10. The South fence has approximately five 110V electrical outlets, spaced evenly from East to West.
11. A roofed bulletin board to provide communication is also on the site.
12. Parking is available at both the East and West ends of the garden, as well as in the overflow near the street. Parking is on grass so please **DO NOT DRIVE DOWN to garden in damp or wet conditions** (no ruts please).
13. The rental season is April 15 – October 1. All gardens must be cleaned and stripped by this October date (winter prep takes place at that time).
14. *As a Community Garden, we rely on all gardeners to chip in to keep the garden neat and clean. Please plan on spending an hour or so each week making the area neat, clean, and pleasant for all. A mower and trimmer will be supplied in 2023. We are also hoping to build a shed adjunct to the garden.*

YEARLY GARDEN INFORMATION: 2023 OPENING DAY APRIL 15!

1. Each gardener will be given landscape fabric to suppress weeds and warm the soil.
2. Please plan to amend your soil each year. There are new compost bins available for use at the far end of the garden thanks to an Eagle Scout project. Please use them- give and take! When possible, additional compost and nutrients may be available for use.
3. Well water is used so please be conscientious to not over water or to leave the water on unnecessarily. The well ran dry in 2022 and we don't want that to happen again!
4. Power is available on site.
5. **Combination for gate lock is 1940**

PLANTING RULES:

1. Gardeners may grow anything they wish except for marijuana, dangerous, and/or invasive plants.
2. Please be considerate of fellow gardeners and be sure to refrain from shading another person's plot, etc.
3. Gardeners may introduce small trellises made of safe material as long as they do not shade other gardens.
4. Some plots will get more sun than others and this will affect the selection of plants.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

1. Norfolk residents may reserve a plot by registering through Norfolk Recreation at norfolk.activityreg.com.
2. If you agree to sharing your contact information with other gardeners, please let us know at time of registration.
3. Plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Returning Gardeners have the option to reserve one plot before open registration begins. Two plots, if there is availability.
4. **Note: a few boxes may be reserved for special assignment** i.e. for the Food Bank or educational classes. If you would like to participate in teaching others about gardening, please let Norfolk Recreation know!

**Boxes are \$35 per season, a \$5 discount for returning gardeners,
and a \$10 discount for accessible plots.**

To Register online: Go to Norfolk.activityreg.com or submit a paper application found online under 'Information' also at Norfolk.activityreg.com.



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