

Woodbury Community Garden Association

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Garden at: 317 E. Red Bank Ave.
Woodbury, NJ 08096

Gardener's Contract March 1, 2026, to February 28, 2027

Mission

The Woodbury Community Garden Association (WCGA) is a non-profit organization committed to creating and maintaining a shared space in which member gardeners can organically grow vegetables and flowers, enjoy nature, build relationships, and celebrate and nurture their community.

Partnerships

The WCGA is currently partnered with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), the City Harvest Program, and the Gloucester County Certified Gardeners Association.

The City Harvest program is dedicated to supporting community gardens in their efforts to donate fresh produce to food pantries or to communities that are experiencing food insecurity. Currently, two plots within the garden are dedicated to raising vegetables for the local food pantry.

The Gloucester County Certified Gardeners Association offers training and volunteer opportunities for residents interested in gardening and community service.

Property

The site of the garden is owned by the City of Woodbury. The WCGA leases it for a nominal sum. The City provides water, free of charge, to the garden. Maintenance of the property, such as mowing, weeding, and planting, is largely the responsibility of the WCGA and its members.

Responsibilities of the WCGA Leadership

- Adhere to the mission of the WCGA.
- Hold monthly meetings of the Board and document the business of the WCGA. Create and administer a realistic budget annually.
- Collect fees, maintain records of member contracts, and disburse funds as stated in the annual budget.
- Communicate with and respond to members.
- Work to maintain the garden property through member efforts.
- Communicate with and respond to community organizations and allies.
- Communicate with the City of Woodbury.

Fees and Insurance

- Plot rental fees, per season, are \$.50 per square foot, rounded up to the nearest dollar amount. The range of fees is from \$22-\$50 depending on the size of the plot.
- Fees for the trug beds are \$30 for the 2026-27 season, and the raised beds are \$25.
- Members will be expected to agree to and sign a Hold Harmless agreement with the City of Woodbury.
- The WCGA holds liability insurance and budgets funds for state fees for non-profit organizations, and other expenses.

Responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

- Participate in maintenance of the garden as a whole through regular and appropriate care of chosen plots by:
 - Amending the soil in plots using *only* organic fertilizers, compost, or other organic materials (see the Handbook for suggestions).
 - Maintaining the borders of plots by using lumber, bricks, edging, or other materials to define growing and grassy areas, and by using surveyed landmarks to determine plot borders so as to maintain adequate distance between plots, and to allow lawnmowers and wheelbarrows to pass.
 - Weeding, mulching, and watering their plot(s), removing dead or diseased plants, and disposing of spent plant materials appropriately.
 - The Executive Board reserves the right to withhold ongoing membership in the garden from individual gardeners who do not adhere to this practice throughout the growing season.
 - Participating in a standing Work Group(s) for Garden maintenance on specified workdays as the member is able.
 - Removing perennials, herbs, and shrubs from the plot at the end of the growing season, by March 1, if the gardener is not returning for the next season.
 - Clearing one's plot(s) of weeds and dead plant material at the end of each season, by March 1, and removing plot furnishings such as fencing, plant supports, stakes, and plant cages.
 - The Executive Board reserves the right to withhold ongoing membership in the garden from individual gardeners who do not maintain their plots in this way.
- Donate surplus harvest for use by local food pantries (see the Handbook for more information).
- Maintain the good condition of the tools and equipment at the garden including:
 - Locks, gates, hoses and all of the watering system components.
 - Wheelbarrows, wagons, weed buckets, watering cans and other items meant for general use.
 - Tools in the toolshed.

The WCGA Board is NOT responsible

- For planting, watering, weeding, fertilizing, or tending to rented plots throughout the season.
- Harvesting ripe produce may only be done by a fellow member for donation to the food pantry, as permitted by the gardener.
- For damage to plants, plot furnishings, equipment, tools, or other items left in any plots, from animals, vandalism, or unwanted visitors to the garden.
- For theft, by persons or pests, of vegetables, plants, plot furnishings pots, tools, or other items in garden plots.
- For clearing or weeding any plots or maintaining the borders of any plots used by returning gardeners, or plots left by departing gardeners, or plots rented to new members.
- For cultivating or amending the soil in any plots or fertilizing specific plantings within the plots.
- For any individual's bodily reactions to plantings, fertilizers, mulches, insecticides or insects within the garden.

WCGA Garden Leadership

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