

Garden Waiver & Application

2009

This contract shall be signed by anyone utilizing the Stowe Area Community Garden (SACG)

All users must abide by the following rules and regulations:

- Garden hours are from dawn to dusk.
- I will pay a fee of \$25.00 per plot to help cover garden expenses.
- I will have something planted in the garden by June 15th. and keep it maintained all summer long.
- Organic gardening** involves three main principals: 1) Feed the soil by using compost and cover crops to add organic matter and nutrients. (Chemical fertilizers such as 5-10-5 are not used in organic gardening.) 2) Apply natural mulches (such as hay or straw) to suppress weeds, reduce water loss, and add organic matter to the soil. 3) Use natural, botanical, and biological insect controls to avoid harming beneficial organisms and pollinators. (Don't use synthetic pesticides, as they can have unwelcome side effects to plants, wildlife, and people.) Miracle-Gro is not organic!
- Organic gardening produces healthier soils and safer ecosystems. Under SACG guidelines, organic insect controls include Bt (a bacterium), rotenone, pyrethrium, Neem, copper soaps, and various homemade remedies. Please use caution and read instructions before applying any pesticide.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given 1 week's notice to clean it up. At that time, it will be re-assigned or tilled in; no refund is given.
- I will participate in the fall cleanup of the garden.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots. Use the Free Open side plots for this type of crop.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- All insecticides or weed repellents **MUST** be organic and cannot in any way affect other plots.
- If I decide to fence or use pest control measures I need to keep that within my garden plot, as to not affect other users. (Deer netting is to not be used as birds can get caught in it.)

- I agree to volunteer hours toward community gardening efforts when time allows.
 - This is a “Pack in- Pack Out” area. All garbage, waste, etc. must be removed by the user.
 - Maintain full control over children and dogs while at your garden plot. All dogs must be leashed or staked and waste picked up and removed.
 - No music other than personal devices allowed, or using area for other uses that it is not intended for.
- I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE TOWN OF STOWE FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

This contract can be updated and amended by the Town of Stowe at anytime with proper notice to its users. All users must agree to all of these terms and conditions in order to receive a garden plot on the Town of Stowe Mayo Property. Any users who are found to violate any of these regulations will be asked to surrender their plot. The Town of Stowe is not liable for any injuries that the users might sustain while working, nor anything that is missing or stolen at the site. Any situations or disputes at the Stowe Area Community Garden must be brought to the attention of the Stowe Parks & Recreation Department for immediate intervention.

We look forward to working with you all on this exciting and beneficial project!

Garden Plot User Print Name	Garden Plot User Signature	Date
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Garden Contact:

Stowe Parks and Recreation Department
 Brian Kaplan 802-253-6138

2009 Stowe Community Garden Application:

User Information: Information is REQUIRED

User Name(s) (1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #'s _____

Email Address: _____

Birthdate: _____

Special needs (walking limitations to water source, from car, etc.)- write below

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