

## **Welcome to the Windham Community Garden!**

The Windham Community Garden's Mission is to create a garden following organic practices, provide affordable garden plots for growing healthy food and flowers, support a community of gardeners, and help promote a green and sustainable Windham.

Below is our garden contract to help us have a great gardening season and to take care of our gardening space. Please read the following and sign at the bottom if you are in agreement

### **Windham Community Garden Contract:**

#### **Community of Gardeners:**

I will respect my space and that of others by:

- Assisting in keeping the grounds neat.
- Supervising children and guests and leaving pets at home.
- Not consuming alcohol at the garden site.
- Using gardening space between the hours of sunrise and sunset.
- Returning tools to the shed in a clean and orderly manner.
- Sharing weeding between plots and walkways. Using the walkways between beds if you have more than one is not permitted. All walkways must be clear. Double beds without a walkway that are already existing may be grandfathered with committee approval.
- Assisting in various garden projects and fall clean up.
- Harvest in beds other than my own only if I have written permission from the bed owner. Theft of produce from another gardener's bed is grounds for permanent dismissal from the garden.

#### **Organic Practices:**

I will promote the health of the soil by:

- Using only organic pest and disease control.
- Using organic fertilizers.
- Keeping weeds and water use down by mulching with material that can be readily tilled and decomposed such as; straw, seaweed, grass clippings (hay

has too many weed seeds) or mulches that can be easily removed such as black plastic or landscape fabric.

- Planting only non-invasive species.
- Composting organic matter on site.

- Taking care to stop the spread of tobacco mosaic virus by not smoking in the garden area and washing my hands before entering the garden.

**Plot Maintenance & Responsibility:**

I understand that I will

- Keep plots and adjoining paths as weed-free as possible. Warnings will be issued as warranted. If conditions do not improve, I may be subject to probation, and possibly forfeiture.
- Be courteous of neighboring gardeners and contain sprawling crops to my plot.

**Affordable Garden Plots:**

- The Committee assigns the beds each year. Returning gardeners are given first refusal. Additional beds are assigned on a first come first served basis.
- Plot size is 10 feet x 20 feet.
- Annual fee is \$30.00.
- I will plant no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- If I need to abandon my plot I will notify the Garden Committee.

**Green and Sustainable Windham:**

- Any donations of excess produce to the Windham Food Pantry are greatly appreciated.
- I will contact the Garden Committee if I need help or have questions or concerns.

I understand that neither the Windham Community Garden Committee nor the Town of Windham is responsible for my actions. I therefore hold harmless the Garden Committee and the Town of Windham for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by myself or any of my guests.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you mind having your phone # and email on a contact list shared with other community gardeners and the Garden Committee?

Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_