

The Somersworth Community Garden at Malley Farm

Community Garden Application

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Email: _____

Please Note:

The spots are reserved for City of Somersworth residents and are filled on a first come first serve basis. You are responsible for all of your plot's watering and maintenance and are expected to follow all rules of the garden.

Gardeners are asked to volunteer approximately one hour per month during the growing season to assist with general maintenance and upkeep.

Thank you for your interest.

For more information you may contact Courtney Valarese at the Department of Public Works at 603-692-4266 or cvalarese@somersworthnh.gov.



Volunteer Service Statement and Agreement

Date: _____, 20_____

I make this Statement and Agreement in order to provide, and be authorized to perform, the following uncompensated services to the City of Somersworth:

Community Gardens under the direction
of the Department of Public Works and Utilities

During this time: _____

In performing the specified volunteer service, I acknowledge:

- That I am 18 years of age or older and know of no reason, medical or otherwise, which would prevent me from performing the tasks required;
- That I have acquainted myself with what is required to perform those tasks, and represent that I have the skill and ability to perform them;
- That I assume full responsibility for my own safety and the safety of others who might be affected by my actions or omissions. I hereby agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Somersworth, its agents, employees, and officers, from any and all claims of illness, bodily injury, personal injury, or property damage, occurring to me or to others, arising from my negligent, reckless, wanton or intentional conduct while participating in this activity.
- That I will perform the volunteer service in compliance with the standards and specifications established, or approved, by the City of Somersworth, and will honor the direction of the City of Somersworth officials to suspend or terminate service;
- That I agree to the foregoing in consideration for being permitted to perform volunteer service for and on behalf of the City of Somersworth.
- You agree to perform Garden Maintenance Activity-see attached.

Volunteer Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____

Somersworth Community Garden Rules

The Somersworth Community Garden strives to be a safe place for all gardeners. Please do not bring anything to the garden that will compromise the safety of those enjoying the garden. The primary goal of these rules is to ensure an enjoyable gardening experience for all. Please observe the rules of the garden and be a good neighbor!

RULES

1. The Somersworth Community Garden will open for planting on April 1, 2023. All plots must be planted no later than June 17th or the plot will be forfeited and reassigned. The garden is open seven days a week from dawn until dusk until the end of October. The garden is closed from November to March.
2. Plan to visit your plot once a week for weeding and watering.
3. If you are unable to care for your plot for an extended time due to illness or vacation, please ask a fellow gardener or a garden steward to help during your absence.
4. Please keep your plants contained within your garden bed. Tall plants should be planted in the center of your bed so that they do not shade neighbors' beds.
5. Each gardener is responsible for keeping the walkways around their beds free of all litter, debris, weeds, and sprawling plants. Gardeners must put all weeds in the compost bin.
6. Prevent weeds before they get started. Mulch around your plants by covering all exposed soil with free mulch like cardboard and wood chips.
7. HERBICIDES and PESTICIDES are NOT allowed within the Somersworth Community Garden. Thank you for following this rule!
8. Each gardener will have access to the tool shed. Please keep the garden tool shed neat and clean. If you choose to use the communal tools, make sure they are hosed down, cleaned, and placed back in the shed in the appropriate place. Please be aware of your water usage and avoid being wasteful! After you are done watering, turn water faucets off. Notify the stewards immediately of any

leaks in the water lines. Please keep the hoses empty of water and neatly rolled up.

9. Please harvest crops when ready. If you have an overabundance, please share with others, so that valuable food does not go to waste.
10. At the end of the garden season, please “put your garden to bed” by completing the following: - Remove any diseased plants from the site (please don’t compost them).
11. Please always keep gates closed to prevent woodchucks and other critters from getting into the garden. When you enter or exit, **PLEASE** remember to close the gates
12. If you are the last person in the garden, check and make sure all gates are locked.

GROUP WORK PARTY MORNINGS:

Group Work Party Days are crucial to the success of the Somersworth Community Garden! These days are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from April through October between 9 and 11 am, and focus on the common areas of the garden. As a gardener at the Somersworth Community Garden you are required to commit to at least two work mornings throughout the garden season. Note that the rain date is Sunday and if Saturday is a problem for your schedule, please contact Garden Steward Laura Villalobos at kaanmanik@gmail.com to make other arrangements.

RULES ENFORCEMENT:

The Somersworth Community Garden’s Stewards have the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions for the garden. They have the authority to resolve conflicts and dismiss gardeners for failure to follow the garden rules. Submit concerns to Chief Garden Stewards: Jenne Holmes at somersworthnow@gmail.com and Laura Villalobos at kaanmanik@gmail.com. Unresolved issues or disputes between gardeners will be referred to the garden stewards.

1. If a member does not keep up with their plot or continually violates the above rules of the garden, the member will be issued a warning by email from the

garden stewards. If the situation is not rectified within two weeks, they may have their plot revoked.

2. The Somersworth Community Garden shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, marital status, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or military status in its garden membership and the administration of its programs.

Signature

Date