

**-1 Brookfield Lions Community Garden
Gurski Homestead Property
General Garden Guidelines 2012**

The garden plot (8'by 14') must be maintained, planted or mulched. Paths are to be at least 4 feet wide and not mulched. Plot edges will be marked with stakes; there can be no raised beds. Please do not go beyond the boundaries of your plot. Plants that are beyond the stakes will be removed at the discretion of the Garden Captain. No vine plants are to be planted IE. Cucumbers, pumpkins, squash unless they are of the bush variety. Harvest and weed your plot in a timely manner. Gardeners who have consistently weedy, unsightly plots will be notified and asked to clean up their assigned plot/pathway within 10 days. Contact Garden Captain (to be names in April 2011) if you have questions. Failure to tend to your plot after being notified will classify the plot as abandoned and the plot will be reassigned. If you are going to be out of town on extended leave, please notify the Garden Captain that you will be gone and that the plot will be taken care of as soon as you return.

Garden tools will be available; it is the responsibility of the gardener to clean and return them to the tool shed. If you have some tools that you would like to donate; they will be welcome.

Please do not remove trees, shrubs, alter or plant outside your designated garden area. Exceptions to this are only with written approval from the Garden Captain or representative from Brookfield Lions Community Garden Executive Board.

Plots can be started by April 14th, but no later than June 1st. Gardeners are encouraged to weed and plant earlier, as weather permits. Plot fees and deposits are not refundable if there is a cancellation or there is a non-compliance with garden guidelines. The fee is \$20.00

Plots are non transferable. Registered gardeners are responsible for keeping addresses and phone numbers current with the community gardens program and Garden Captain. Failure to be able to notify you after three unsuccessful attempts (number disconnected, etc.) will result in the plot being reassigned due to abandonment of the plot.

Pets must be leashed and not allowed to go into the garden. People must use the paths without going through other gardeners plots. Harvest only from your assigned plot.

Water only within your assigned plot. Do not let water drip or flood other plots or the paths. Conserve water by hand watering and by using mulch. Be courteous to other gardeners.

Organic gardening is encouraged; there are many earth friendly products. Please do not use herbicides (weed killers) in the garden areas. Please contact the Garden Captain if you have questions on what is approved for use. A list of appropriate chemicals will be posted on the Garden Captain's Bulletin Board in the tool shed.

Crops are for home use, not commercial purpose, and must be legal. Do not allow plants to shade other gardens or grow into the pathways.

Gardens must be cleaned, cover cropped or mulched by October 14th. Those not cleared may lose plot registration for the following year.

Gardeners must abide by these guidelines to qualify for a plot in the community gardens program. Check with your Garden Captain for any specific question not covered in these guidelines.

The same plot will be assigned to you if you choose to participate the following year. Have fun growing your own vegetables, flowers and fruits!

I have read, understood and agreed to above rules and guidelines for community gardening with Brookfield Lions Community Garden.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Brookfield Garden Committee Designate

**Brookfield Lions Community Garden
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Hold Harmless Agreement for Participation in Community Garden Activities**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Brookfield Town Community Garden activities, the undersigned _____ releases Brookfield Lions Club Inc. and the Town of Brookfield, Brookfield, CT. its officials, agents and employees from any claim for injuries and/or damages arising from or in any way relating to my participation in the program, plot and tool use.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Brookfield Lions Club Inc. and the Town of Brookfield , its officials, agents, and employees, for all losses, damages, attorney's fees, costs or expenses resulting from any injuries or damages which I may suffer during my participation in the Community Garden activities and from any and all damages, losses or injuries I may cause another during the course of the activities.

I understand my participation is entirely voluntary and will involve moderate physical activity. I agree to participate at my own risk and acknowledge that reasonable physical capacity is required. I also understand that there are risks of accident from participation that may result in injury. To my knowledge, I am not affected by a physical condition or disability that would prohibit me from safely performing in any aspect of the activity. I also understand that if I am injured during my participation in the community garden activities that I will not be eligible for workers' compensation benefits.

**I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE
RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone: day

Phone: eve.

Emergency Contact

Phone

Signature of Participant

Date

PARENTAL ENDORSEMENT

**THIS PARENTAL ENDORSEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED
IF THE PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE (MINIMAL AGE IS 16)**

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE release and indemnity agreement and agree to its provisions as they apply to my son/daughter _____ and also agree to be fully bound by them. I certify that my son/daughter is physically capable and medically able to participate in these activities. I further assume full responsibility for my son/daughter relating to any and all activities of the activity and/or covered by this Release and Indemnity Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date