

Raritan Township Community Garden Application 2022

Instructions: Mail your completed application with your check to: Leslie Leith, 14 Lake Ct, Flemington, NJ 08822. Make your check out to Raritan Township. Do NOT make the check out to me. .

Annual Rental Fee: \$30 for adults; \$20 for seniors 65 and older.

Questions: Email Leslie at cleanuples@gmail.com.

Open registration begins in January with preference given to prior participants and those on a waiting list.

Note: See next page for the garden rules and guidelines.

The community garden is located behind the Raritan Township Administration building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822.

Application

I have read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines established for the Raritan Township Community Garden. I understand that failure to comply with these rules and guidelines will be justification for revoking my gardening privileges.

I understand that the Raritan Township Community Garden Committee and the Township of Raritan are not responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Raritan Township Garden Committee and the Township of Raritan for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of Raritan Township Community Garden by me, my servants, or agents, family members or guests.

Print Name(s): _____

Address _____

Municipality if different from mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Second telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

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Raritan Township Community Garden Rules

1. The annual fee for renting a plot in the Raritan Township community garden is \$30 per plot. Senior citizens, 65 or older, pay \$20 per plot. Township schools and non-profits will not be charged a fee. The plots are approximately 12' x 15'. The Raritan Township Community Garden Committee will assign plots on a first come first served basis, with preference given to current plot holders, Raritan Township residents and entities. Reservations are limited to 2 plots per family. Application forms can be downloaded from the Forms section of the Raritan Township website and mailed with a check to the mailing address on the form. Before new applicants' checks are cashed, a member of the garden committee will meet with applicants in the garden to select their plots. Confirmation of accepted application will be via email.
2. All annual fees are non-refundable.
3. Plots that have not been worked before June 15 will be open for others.
4. Plots that are unkempt and overgrown will be subject to clean-up and loss of plot.
5. The Community Garden Committee may not accept a plot renewal request if plot was not worked or if plot was not cleaned up by November 15.
6. All gardeners must help with mowing at least two times during the season.
7. Plots may be worked during the extended planting season March - November. Unless told otherwise by the Community Garden Committee, all garden supports, etc., must be removed at the end of each planting season.
8. Garden hours are from dawn to dusk. Gardeners must close the fence when leaving the garden.
9. Water will be available from a hose at the rear of the municipal building via a hose routed to the garden. Gardeners are expected to make sure the water is turned off and the hose hung on its hose caddy before they leave the area.
10. The Community Garden Committee may choose to provide benches and other items for communal use and enjoyment. These may not be moved or changed without express permission of the Committee.
11. Only certified organic materials will be used.
12. Each gardener will keep weeds at a minimum, remove trash and litter and work with other gardeners to maintain the walkways. Gardeners may not leave anything in the walkways (except when they are working on their plots). Gardeners may not keep items like chairs, sundials, rain barrels, etc. in their gardens or in any part of the community garden area. In a case of non-compliance, Community Garden Committee will notify the gardener that they have two weeks to clean up or forfeit their garden privileges.
13. Gardeners will not shade neighboring plots and they must restrict the growth of their plants to their own plots and make sure growth stays within the plot boundaries and out of the walkways to allow for mowing.
14. If a gardener, for any reason (health, vacation, work) is temporarily unable to maintain their plot(s), they must inform the Community Garden Committee.
15. Organic garden waste and weeds should be removed and disposed of offsite. Non-organics should be disposed of in garbage bags and placed in the Township's dumpsters or taken away. Keep the area clean.
16. Gardeners may only pick their own crops unless given permission by another plot user. Except that ripened produce that is not being harvested in a timely manner may be picked by the Garden Committee and donated, after notification.

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17. No pets of any kind are allowed in the garden, except for service animals. Children will be supervised and kept out of neighboring plots. Special caution should be exercised to keep children away from mouse traps baited with peanut butter to catch garden pests.
18. As part of maintaining an organic garden and controlling pests, gardeners may bait mouse traps with peanut butter.
19. The garden includes areas that are designated for habitat for pollinators, including butterflies and bees. Anyone who has allergies is expected to exercise caution and follow their doctors' advice for being in areas with these insects.
20. Smoking and the use of alcohol are prohibited in the garden.
21. Vehicles will not be driven or parked on the grass.
22. The use of the Raritan Township Community Garden is a privilege. If a gardener should fail to comply with the governing rules, the Community Garden Committee may rescind the gardener's privileges and reassign their garden plot(s). In these cases, fees will not be refunded.

Please note that gardening requires a tremendous commitment and requires Community gardeners to work their plots at least once a week. Mowing the grass between the plots is an additional responsibility. The mower and everything necessary for the task is available at the garden and can be completed within 1 hr. Cooperation with all the gardeners makes this job only necessary 2 times during the entire growing season for each plot owner (see #6). Please consider this responsibility seriously before joining us.

The Raritan Township Community Garden is a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat and is an Official Monarch Butterfly VVqy Station through the Garden Club of New Jersey's efforts, The Pollinator Garden is also registered in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge as a Garden Club ofNJ Pollinator Garden,