

## River and Roots Community Garden

Garden Location: West Main Street and Griffing Avenue near Grangebel Park  
In downtown Riverhead, NY  
[riverandrootscg@gmail.com](mailto:riverandrootscg@gmail.com)

Gardener Full

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is the best way for us to reach you ☐ email ☐ text

**Tell us why you'd like to garden in the community garden:**

**Check the appropriate item(s):**

[ ] I have special needs (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I have gardened before at (where?) \_\_\_\_\_;

for how long \_\_\_\_\_?

If you are a new gardener, would you like an experienced gardener to help you? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If you are an experienced gardener, would you like to help a new gardener? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please mark three areas that you would be interested in volunteering with during the season. Each gardener is expected to help during the season with general chores.

- ☐ Site maintenance
- ☐ Communications - social media, etc
- ☐ Website maintenance
- ☐ Composting
- ☐ Rain barrels
- ☐ Social events
- ☐ Herb beds
- ☐ Pantry beds
- ☐ Lawn maintenance
- ☐ Perimeter fence - veggies
- ☐ North perimeter - flowers
- ☐ Fundraising

Photo Permission: From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. If you do not give your permission to be photographed, please let photographers know when you encounter them at the garden.

Phone and email: All gardeners are required to share their contact information with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone and email list is shared with all gardeners. **Please check here [ ] if you do NOT give your permission** to share your phone number with all gardeners.

I understand that neither River and Roots Community Garden nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS RIVER AND ROOTS COMMUNITY GARDEN AND OWNERS OF THE LAND, AND ANY THIRD PARTY GARDEN PARTNERS FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

By signing below I acknowledge that I have reviewed the RRCG Guidelines and Rules and understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of gardening privileges.

Signed\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application, with the \$35 per garden bed fee, to a Garden Trustee in person. Please note, there is a \$5 refundable key deposit. Cash only.

## **River and Roots Community Garden Guidelines and Rules**

- Garden beds are 4 feet by 10 feet. Plots are dispersed to downtown residents (defined as living within these boundaries: east of Kroemer Avenue, west of Cross River Drive [Route 105], south of Old Country Road [Route 58] and north of the river) first, Riverhead town residents second, and out of town residents third.
- Downtown Riverhead residents applications will have priority until March 1st; Town of Riverhead residents from March 1st until March 15th; Out-of-town residents after March 15th; then first-come-first-served.
- I will have something planted in the garden by June 1st and keep it planted until at least October 1st.
- I will not plant any perennial plants, illegal plants, or invasive plants in my bed. No cannabis/marijuana plants.
- I will only garden during daylight hours.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership and make a good-faith effort to return my key.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum, maintain and water the areas immediately surrounding my plot and my plants will not impede the path of the lawn mower.
- **If my plot becomes unkempt or weedy, I understand I will be given 1 week's notice to clean it up. At that time, it will be reassigned or tilled in.**
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will participate in the spring and fall cleanup of the garden.
- I will not plant tall crops where they will shade neighboring plots.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- In addition to spring and fall cleanup, I agree to volunteer at least 8 hours toward community/committee gardening efforts during the garden season. Volunteer hours are mandatory.
- I will use only organic fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents and apply them in such a way that they will not affect other plots. These items cannot be stored on the premises.
- I will carry out whatever items and/or trash I carry into the garden. Compostable items can be placed in the compost bins or in the brown yard waste bags and deposited in the designated spot for pick up.
- I will **not** bring dogs/pets to the garden. I will not bring weapons into the garden.

- I will not consume alcohol, cannabis/marijuana, or illegal narcotics on the premises.
- I will not smoke or chew tobacco in the garden. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
- I will keep the shed tidy. Communal items will be labeled with "RRCG". All other items in the shed should only be used with express permission of the item's owner.
- I will report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders and police.
- I will report sightings of pests such as cucumber beetle, ladybug beetle, spotted lantern fly, or rats to the garden leadership.
- Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms and conditions stated here. Participation by children is encouraged, but I must supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
- I will submit the application, signed rules and payment by November 1st to overwinter vegetables and keep the plot for the following season, otherwise, I will clean my garden bed by November 1st.
- I will not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give my key or lock combination to another person. I will return my key by November 31st, unless I have committed to gardening over the winter and to keep the plot for the following season.
- I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

If you have any questions, please call or text:

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