



Stow Parks & Recreation & Stow Community Garden Association

2026 Stow Community Garden Rules & Maintenance

●Planting - Start of Season:

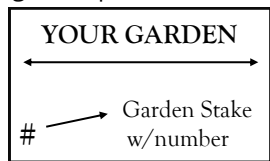
Gardens are normally ready for planting **around Memorial Day**. **DO NOT** Plant prior to ALL gardens being staked with plot numbers. (weather dependent) Gardens planted before plot numbering is complete or those using unassigned plots are subject to loss of plot. A chart of the numbered garden plots will be posted on the Garden Bulletin Board with Gardener's Name & Plot Number.



●Locating Your Garden: Gardener's Name / Plot #'s are listed at Garden Shed

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU BE ON THE PATH (4' wide) TO LOCATE YOUR NUMBERED STAKE.

Your garden is to the RIGHT of your numbered stake in the lower left corner of your garden plot.



●Garden Plots not planted by **Sun., June 14, 2026** will be forfeited without refund & re-assigned.



●Unworked Plots:

If you are on vacation or ill ask other Gardeners to water, weed and harvest for you.



●End of Season:

All Produce must be harvested from your plot by: Sun., October 4, 2026. You are required to remove ALL stakes, string, wire cages, etc. off your plot by this date. Please **DO NOT REMOVE the PLOT # STAKES** that were installed by the Community Garden Association.

Water Use: Water spigots are available at the garden. Gardeners must be at the garden site at all times when watering- Do NOT let water run openly without need. There is an expense associated with water used in the gardens. We ask that Gardeners practice water conservation.

Garden Hoses: The garden hoses provided have been generously donated. To maintain low plot costs, please ensure the hoses are well cared for throughout the season. Hoses must remain attached to the water spigots and should be recoiled neatly at the spigot after each use, rather than left in the aisles. Gardeners using watering cans or jugs have priority access to the water supply. For convenience, most hose users attach a "Y" connection with a cutoff valve between the spigot and their hose, allowing uninterrupted use by others.

Garden Plot Material Guidelines and Recommendations

Plastic Ground Cover, Plastic Tape, Fishing Line, and Styrofoam are not permitted in garden plots. If found; these materials will be removed. These materials have broken equipment when mowing & plowing and or are not biodegradable. Recommended alternatives: Wood Chips, grass clippings, straw, paper. Fabric type ribbon, string, rope or cloth strips may be used to mark plot, but must be properly maintained and not be in the way of the mowers throughout the season. Remember you must remove all materials you place in garden at the end of season. The Stow Community Garden Association and Stow Parks & Recreation Department are not responsible for materials used in the gardens. **All fencing, if utilized, must be staked on the inside of the garden plot so as not to sag into the aisle.**

Gardening Hours: The Stow Community Garden is located within a Stow City Park and thus gardeners must follow all City of Stow and Stow Park Ordinances. Parks including the gardens are open from dawn to dusk. You may not be in the gardens after dusk.

Dogs/Pets/Alcohol/Firearms: No alcohol, smoking, drugs or firearms are permitted in the gardens. Dogs must be on a leash.

Plantings: All garden plants should be contained within your plot. No stacking of plant materials. Tall plants should be planted in the center of your plot so as not to shade a garden neighbor's plot.

Weeds / Rocks / Debris: should be placed in the designated areas, not in aisles or at water spigots. Each gardener is responsible for keeping their plot weed free and keeping the adjoining aisles clear. Use only natural or organic weed/animal deterrents. Chemical, natural and organic weed killers are NOT permitted.

Children: are welcome in the garden, but must be supervised by an adult at ALL times.

Pilferage/Theft: Anyone caught stealing will be put out of the Community Garden Program & Stow Police will be contacted. Gardeners should attempt to become acquainted with other gardeners using the surrounding plots and help in protecting the gardens from theft or vandalism. If you are suspicious of behavior please take note and contact the Stow Parks & Recreation Department.

Harvest: Gardeners should pick their produce when ready, thereby avoiding tempting others. Only registered gardeners or their designee are permitted to harvest their garden plot.

The Stow Community Garden Planning Committee can amend the rules for the benefit of the Garden Program.

In Registering for a Garden Plot You Agree to abide by the Stow Community Garden Rules/Regulations. Stow Parks & Recreation Department.

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