

5/16/05 Revised

RULES OF THE CLIFTON PLACE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Located at 289-91 Grand Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11238

The purpose of the garden is to create a green space in our community that satisfy both aesthetic and planting needs of gardeners or would be gardeners in our community. It offers a venue for members of our community to participate in something civic and also to create something beautiful. It empowers them to directly affect their community. Although the rules are somewhat flexible and is based on common sense, they are:

1. No gardener owns a box.
2. A lottery system exist to distribute boxes to avoid infighting among gardeners supposedly with best box location. Individual gardener can exchange boxes with each other at their own discretion. Rotation of boxes is encouraged.
3. Members with seniority can request specific boxes prior to the lottery.
4. An annual fee of \$20.00 per box is assessed for expenditure of maintaining the garden. Individual that really cannot afford to pay such amount could request exception of such fee or pay whatever they can. Everyone must pay something.
5. The fee does not imply in any way ownership of the assigned box.
6. The money from the membership will be used to buy necessary tools and construction materials for the garden.
7. Follow the four NO's from Greenthumb:
 - A. No casitas – enclosed structures that obstruct view from outside of the garden
 - B. No parked vehicles or unused equipment like refrigerator, air conditioner, supermarket or laundry carts, etc.
 - C. No active play equipment – No slides, swings, merry-go-rounds, see-saws, or any play equipment (liability issues).
 - D. No animals – Goats, pigs, dogs, cats, pigeons and chicken may not be permanently kept in the garden.
8. In becoming a member you are given a key, you are responsible for such key and not to be distributed without authorization or given out freely.
9. The key opens the entrance gate lock, tools box, wheel barrow and lawn mover box.
10. Such key is only given only to active gardener with the condition that it should be returned when the individual does no longer participate in the garden.
11. Responsibility of the gardener is not only their own box but in the overall maintenance and cleanliness of the garden and participation special projects.
12. Box given to a gardener that is not maintained, weeded or planted within a month shall return to the garden's overall jurisdiction, forfeiting the fee by such individual. Such box can be redistributed to an interested gardener.
13. Members should not take things (vegetables, flowers, herbs) from others boxes without the permission of specific gardener. The members are encouraged to be generous and offer the excess crop if you can not use it all.

14. The community boxes (strawberry box and retaken boxes) are open to all gardeners.
15. Help fill up the water supply tanks when empty.
16. Help others in watering.
17. Help others in weeding the garden and boxes.
18. Help others with information on planting things.
19. Open hours to public on Saturday morning 8:30am to 12:30pm.
20. Open to public whenever a gardener is present, at their own discretion.
21. Children are allowed in the garden only with supervision of gardener or their parents.
22. Children are encouraged to participate and **work a box or in the garden.**
23. Any individual in the neighborhood can become a member, as long as he or she is interested in actively participating and planting.
24. You can plant anything you want as long as it is not illegal, eg. Cannabis (marijuana) or any plants that can overtake other plants when not curbed, such as Ailantus and Morning Glory.
25. Members are also responsible for maintaining and cleaning the sidewalk in front of the garden, including snow and garbage removal.
26. Report events to Co-chair or responsible representative of the garden any issue that affects the garden or gardener and its surrounding.
27. The executive committee for the garden shall be elected by general vote from the overall body of gardener members. **To hold an election a majority quorum (70% of the total members) must be present.** At this time we have twenty boxes(ideally 20 votes).
28. **Election of officers for the garden – positions, requirements and responsibilities.**
29. **Election of our local representatives for the future Brooklyn-Queens Land Trust.**
30. Create activities for additional revenues for future projects.
31. Create committees to institute projects.
32. Encourage members to attend meetings and participate events from Greenthumb and TPL (Trust for Public Land).
33. Chairperson will report upcoming events and meetings to the general membership.

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