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*Harpwell Community
Garden
At Mitchell Field*



WHAT IT IS

Harpswell Community Garden* exists to offer Harpswell residents the opportunity to grow organic vegetables and flowers in community with neighbors. Open to new gardeners as well as old hands, the Garden aspires to be a place where we share ideas, knowledge and the joy of gardening.

Sponsored by the Town and with a grant from the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, the garden is located on the grounds of Mitchell Field. It consists of two 100' by 100' areas subdivided into rental plots with a portion set aside for a volunteer tended "Community" community garden intended to grow vegetables and flowers to be given to groups or individuals in need.

Shade trees have been planted. Harpswell Heritage Apple Trees will be added spring 2012.

HOW IT WORKS

The operation of the garden is quite simple. Each plot holder is expected to maintain his/her garden organically. It probably takes about two hours weekly to tend the plot to maintain your plants, manage weeds and bring in a good harvest (with more time in spring and fall).

The Community Garden provides tilled and organically amended soil, tools, water supply, compost bins, fencing, and practical advice.

Each gardener is expected to contribute six hours of volunteer work over the season to benefit the Community Garden.

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WHAT DOES IT COST?

Two plot sizes are available:

- 10' x10' for \$25 per season
- 10' x15' for \$35

An area is set aside for raised beds, the construction and cost to be borne by the gardener. Any soil brought in must be pesticide and chemical free.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Applications are available at the Town Office and on the Town website www.harpswell.maine.gov. Select the Mitchell Field Tab; Community Garden is at the upper right corner of that page.

To request the form by either email or snail mail, contact Cyndy Bush @ 725-2660 or bushcyndy@aol.com or Mary Ann Roark @ 833-6537 or manrob@myfairpoint.net.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Cyndy Bush and Mary Ann Roark will be happy to talk with you [see above].

HARPSWELL COMMUNITY GARDEN* at MITCHELL FIELD

Gardener's Guidelines

Rental Plots

- Plot size and Rental Fee (Due at Registration)
 - 10' x 10' @ \$25
 - 10' x 15' @ \$35

An area is set aside for raised beds. It is the gardener's responsibility to construct and supply the soil. (Note requirements for wood and soil below.)

Harpswell Community Garden supplies: water supply, compost, tools, fencing and gardening advice.

General Guidelines

- No smoking at garden or parking area. Tobacco mosaic virus, which can be carried on people's hands, is a serious threat to tomatoes and other plants
- No pets in the garden
- Please use radios/players only with headphones
- Please monitor small children in the garden
- Each renter is required to contribute 6 hours of work over the season to benefit the Community Garden
- Garden tools to be cleaned and put back in shed after use
- Plots may not be sub-let

Plot Design and Maintenance

- Plant tall crops at center of plot where they will not cast shade on neighbor's plots
- Place structures (trellises, hoops, fences, supports) at least one foot inside plot edges
- Do not use wood that is pressure treated, painted or treated in any other way
- Plots need to be tended throughout the season, including weeding and harvesting
Paths between plots should be kept free of weeds, debris, and clutter and accessible to all
- Gardeners are expected to weed paths around their beds
- Plots must be cleared of all summer structures and crops by [date to be determined]
- Any soil brought into the plots must be free of pesticides and chemicals

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Over Please

Acceptable/Unacceptable Products

To maintain the organic integrity of the Harpswell Community Garden, do not use products that are listed in the "Unacceptable" column below:

Acceptable

- BT, M Track, MVP
- Messenger
- NEEM
- Insecticidal soaps
- Pyrethrum
- Summer Oil
- Seaweed/fish preparations
- Garlic, hot pepper, "kitchen" mixes
- PRO GRO fertilizer
- Diatomaceous earth
- Serenade
- Spinosad
- Sulfur
- Wood ash
- Manures (non carnivorous)
- Rock powders (lime, rock phosphate, greensand, granite dust)

Liquids may be applied by hand-held trigger spray bottle only

Unacceptable

- Miracle Gro, Miracid, Peters, etc.
- 5-10-5, 5-10-10 and variations
- Rotenone
- Sevin
- Diazonin
- Malathion
- Methoxychlor
- Pyrethrin
- Slug bait with metaldehyde
- Sabadilla
- Copper
- Chemical formulations

If you want to use a product that is not on either list, but you're unsure about it, please ask the Plot Coordinator.

HARPSWELL COMMUNITY GARDEN* APPLICATION

I (we) have read the Gardener's Guidelines, and intend to adhere to them to assure that a positive community experience and the organic integrity of the Community Garden are maintained.

Name(s) _____

Phone: _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Please Check:

- 10' x10' plot -- \$25
- 10' x15' plot -- \$35
- I will build raised beds

Please make checks payable to: **Town of Harpswell**

Mail application and Check to: **Town of Harpswell**

PO Box 39

Harpswell, ME 04079

Contact for Questions: Cyndy Bush @ 725-2660 or bushcyndy@aol.com or

Mary Ann Roark @ 833-6537 or manrob@myfairpoint.net

NOTE: Orientation Meeting on May 7, 2012 5pm at the garden site. Please mark your calendar as participation is required.

Any comments or questions?

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Welcome to the Harpswell Community Garden!

Date Received: _____