



ELLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM – ELLINGTON RESIDENTS ONLY

(Please print clearly on front and back)

I, _____ of _____
(Full Name) (Street Address)

Ellington, CT, hereby lease parcel #(s) _____ of the Town owned land referred to as the Batz Property for the purpose of growing a garden. The consideration for such use is understood to be **\$25.00 per plot non-refundable fee** plus a deposit of **\$75.00 per plot** to be returned pending satisfactory fall cleanup of the above-mentioned parcel(s). **Limit two plots per household. Additional plots may be available if space remains after initial registration.*

I agree to and will abide by the following conditions:

- (1) Parcel(s) 25'x25' is to be used for the growing of plants for non-commercial use.
- (2) Parcel(s) shall be maintained in a condition which will not endanger nor interfere with abutting parcels.
- (3) Access to the parcel(s) shall be only by areas designated as such.
- (4) Use of the parcel(s) shall terminate no later than November 2, 2026
- (5) All material other than plants themselves – stakes, plastic, fencing, wire, etc. – will be removed from the parcel(s) by November 2, 2026. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the \$75.00 per plot deposit.
- (6) The Town of Ellington will be held harmless from any claim for any damages or injury arising from the use of the Batz Property.

I understand that failure to comply with any of the above may result in loss of use of the parcel(s) and forfeiture of all payment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Email Address

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Approved: Y N

Signature – Director of Parks and Recreation

For Office Use Only:

Fee Paid: \$ _____ Date: _____ Ck/Cash: _____ Received by: _____

Deposit Paid: \$ _____ Date: _____ Ck/Cash: _____ Received by: _____

Deposit Returned: \$ _____ Date: _____ Processed by: _____

ELLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY GARDEN – 2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Gardeners are requested to plant within their areas which are bound by corner stakes in the front of each plot. Plots are numbered on each stake with the plot being after the stake.

Gardeners should maintain their plots in good condition throughout the growing season (weed free and within bounds.) Reassignment may occur if a gardener has neglected his/her plot by June 15, 2026 or has not arranged for a temporary caretaker during the summer or when away.

Please make sure that if you plant tall plants that might shade other gardens, please plant them along the fence.

Diseased plant material, plastic, and non-biodegradable items must be removed from the premises. There is no rubbish service. Organic refuse should be placed on the compost pile located before the entrance to the garden.

It is highly recommended that gardeners use a mulch of some kind to reduce the need for water and to reduce weeds.

At the end of the growing season, plots must be cleared of debris, all stakes except corner markers removed, and all vegetative material deposited on the compost pile.

Community Gardens Registration Information

1. A \$25.00 per plot non-refundable fee plus a \$75.00 per plot deposit payable to the Town of Ellington is due upon registration (paid separately cash or check). **Limit two plots per household. Additional plots may be available if space remains after initial registration.*
2. All plots will be plowed, harrowed, staked and tagged.
3. Fertilizing is the responsibility of the gardener.
4. Gardeners are responsible for full compliance with all state and federal agriculture laws. Only pesticides approved by the CT DEEP Pesticide Compliance Division may be used in your garden. If you are unsure about a product you want to use, contact the DEEP. No poisonous or illegal plants may be grown, and no weed killers or systemic insecticides may be used.
5. Gardeners are expected to maintain his/her plot, including weeding. Please DO NOT use rugs for weed control. Failure to comply with this rule may result in forfeiture of garden privileges for the following year.
6. Gardeners are asked to respect the rights of others and show concerns for the land.
7. Water is not available. All gardeners must bring their own water to the site.
8. You will be allowed to drive to the garden site at 97 Shenipsit Street.
9. Plots must be cleared by November 2, 2026. If a site is not cleared the \$75.00 per plot deposit will not be refunded.

NAME: _____

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as indicated and will endeavor to maintain my garden plot in proper fashion. I further agree to remove all foreign materials (wire, poles, etc.) at the conclusion of the season.

Signature of Gardener

Date

GARDENER'S COPY – KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

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