

Garden Beds:

Fee per bed: \$20/moderate income, \$10/fixed or low income

Returning Gardeners:

- Must pay and sign registration sheet by March 8th to renew garden plots.
- Returning gardeners will have the option of 2 beds.

New Gardeners:

- Open registration will begin March 9th.
- New gardeners will be offered 1 bed their first season.

Residents of New London and people who work in New London will be given first opportunity to rent a bed. If space allows, beds would then be offered to non-New London residents.

Rules for individual beds:

- Plant-by date is June 1st. If your bed is not planted, it will be considered abandoned and your fee will not be returned.
- Keep plants from blocking pathways or encroaching on your neighbors bed.
- Weeds should be kept to a minimum to prevent them from setting seeds. All rotting plant debris should be placed in compost pile to prevent pests and mold from spreading amongst beds.
- Diseased plants should be placed in the garbage.
- Regular maintenance is required, especially for watering. Expect to visit at least twice a week .

If you are unable to continue to care for your garden at any point, please contact one of the garden board members at Info@CalkinsCommunityGarden.org so we may care for your plants and pass along the harvest.

Organic Garden Practices: Calkins Garden is an organic garden. We are asking that every effort be made to choose organic plants when making your selections for this season. Please also consider this when fertilizing your plants. Organic plants can be purchased at Perennial Harmony in Waterford and at the FRESH New London plant sale.

If you need assistance with choosing an organic fertilizer or pesticide please contact a garden board member to assist you with this. Perennial Harmony and Green Survival, both in Waterford, are also well equipped to assist you with this.

Rules for Whole Garden:

- Please be respectful of other gardens and do not pick from them without permission.
- As this is a community space please plan on participating in the group work days to maintain the common areas.
- Some tools are available for use as well as hoses and sprayers. Please return them to where you found them. If something becomes broken, let a board member know so it can be replaced.
- Please ensure water is turned off and shed is locked when you leave.
- If you are visiting with your pet, please clean up after them and do not let them roam into garden beds.
- A lawn mower and trimmer are available to maintain the garden. Please feel free to help with this task if you see it needs attention..
- The garden beds need compost added to maintain the soil line. Your plants will grow better if this is done. A sifter is available as well as a compost pile. Please ask for help if you need it.
- We have a Kitchen Herb Garden near the gate and a strawberry/rhubarb patch on the hill which are both for group use. Please consider this when picking from these beds. Watering and weeding are everyones responsibility.
- All gardeners are responsible to clear their bed out at the end of the season, Oct. 30th. If you plan to extend your season, contact Peter Whipple, Upkeep Committee, at Upkeep@CalkinsCommunityGarden.org.

Violation of Rules: Please expect to be contacted by a member of the Upkeep Committee if the rules are not followed. A specific amount of time will be agreed upon to correct the problem. If the problem is not corrected, you will forfeit your bed.

Volunteering: There are many opportunities to get involved with the overall garden. Please contact Bob Stuller, Peter Whipple, Deb Laughlin or Lisa Pettey with any questions or concerns you may have or use the Info@CalkinsCommunityGarden.org email address.

We are looking forward to a fantastic growing season and are hoping that many of you will enjoy participating in this community experience.