



TOWNSHIP OF ROCHELLE PARK

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2026 ROCHELLE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION

This paper application along with security deposit payment shall be submitted to the Township of Rochelle Park, either by mail, in person, or e-mail. Confirmation of Rochelle Park residence is required upon submission. Mail completed application to Township of Rochelle Park, Attn: Chairperson Michael Warren, 151 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662. Any questions, call (201) 587-7730.

1. Gardener and/or Garden Family: _____
2. Address: _____
3. Phone Number: _____
4. Email Address: _____
5. Senior Citizen/ADA plot: Yes No
6. Half Plot (\$15.00 deposit) Whole Plot (\$30.00 deposit)
7. Previous Plot Number: _____
8. Photo Permission: Gardeners, Township staff or the media may take photos of the garden. Should you wish not to allow your permission for your photo to be published, please check here . If you do not give permission, please let the photographers know when you encounter them in the garden.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Gardener Guidelines and plan to abide by all of the garden rules. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.

Signature

Date

The Township of Rochelle Park Community Garden was created, maintained and managed by the Rochelle Park Environmental Commission. For questions, please contact the Environmental Commission Chairperson at mwarren@rochelleparknj.gov.

Plot Assignments:

There will be 4 x 8 or Senior/ADA garden beds assigned to each gardener. Salad tables and herb beds are for all to use, maintain, and take from. Each gardener must fill out the application form and the disclaimer. No plot will be assigned unless these forms are completed. For returning gardeners, the gardener will utilize the same assigned garden bed from the previous season. Registration will open in Spring 2026 with garden bed assignments issued on a first come first serve basis. Plot Number for the season will be emailed to you after receipt of your application. The email will come from mwarren@rochelleparknj.gov.

Proof of Residency documentation (the proof of residency must be current – postmarked within the past 30 days – utility bill, cable or credit card bill, monthly bank statement, or most recent lease or tax bill). Please note: **The garden is under security camera surveillance 24 hours per day.**

Rules and Regulations:

1. June 1st deadline for planting. Any plot that has not been planted by June 1st may be re-assigned to a gardener on the waiting list; likewise, any plot that does not show evidence of being maintained on a regular basis may be re-assigned, after the gardener has been contacted via email and given two weeks to demonstrate his/her interest in keeping the plot. If there is no waiting list, the plot will be used by the Environmental Commission and food donated to the food bank.
2. Keep your plot weeded, harvested, and well-maintained within the plot boundaries. Gardeners are required to weed between the garden beds. Please take care not to step into another gardener's private plot. Stay on the designated paths. If you need to step into any of the common garden beds, please be careful not to step on any plants.
3. In addition to maintaining one's own plot, all gardeners are expected and encouraged to actively participate in the maintenance of the gardens and compost bins and other general duties. There will be a few group workdays throughout the season including a spring and a fall cleanup. You will be notified via email. Please try your best to attend these workdays.
4. If you would like to organize a workday, please coordinate with the Environmental Commission.
5. Hours of operation: dawn to dusk. *Gardeners will be given a code to unlock the gate for the garden. The code MUST NOT be shared with anyone. The code will change periodically and you will be notified by email when it does.*
6. Community Garden plots should be centered on food production. The only permitted perennial plants are blueberry, strawberry, asparagus, rhubarb and assorted herbs and flowers. No trees, cacti, Perilla, Cannabis, castor beans, or any illegal, invasive plants or poisonous plants allowed. Mint, lemon balm, berries and comfrey must be contained in pots. No plants or structures over 5 feet tall are permitted.
7. *Gardeners should bring their own garden tools and water containers. There may be "community tools available" but it is not guaranteed.*
8. Trash and recycling cans are not available on site. Please carry out your trash from the garden, however, disposal of organics in the compost bins is preferred.
9. Water is *NOT* available on site. Hoses, watering cans etc. must be brought by the gardener. The watering of gardens must be attended at all times. Gardeners who leave their plots

unattended while watering will be contacted. Before leaving, make sure the water has been turned off. The last person to leave must lock the gate.

10. No animals allowed on site. Special exemption will be made for service animals. Please send an email to mwarren@rochelleparknj.org.
11. Young children need to be supervised while in the garden. Gardeners who bring children into the garden are responsible for these children. Again, please respect your fellow gardeners, their plots and their guests.
12. Gardeners may not give their plot away to someone else. Please respect the waiting list for those new people that want to join. Members may not give the gate code to non-members. You are responsible for all guests that you have in the garden.
13. No fertilizers or pesticides are allowed to be used in the garden. Use only OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute - <https://www.omri.org/>) approved organic materials in your plot.
14. Gardeners must dispose of all diseased or insect-infested plants in the designated township garbage receptacle located near the garden entrance.
15. Heirloom and native seeds will be available from the Environmental Commission in limited quantities. Ask for the “seed library” when emailing mwarren@rochelleparknj.gov

Acknowledgement of Rules:

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Email: _____