

# OLD TAPPAN

## 2026 ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN

### ***RULES & REGULATIONS***

1. Participation in the Old Tappan Community Garden program is limited to residents of Old Tappan.
2. The combination lock code will be sent to each member after receiving paperwork and payment.
3. All participants in the Community Gardens are required to submit a 2026 application, a Hold Harmless agreement, and the applicable fee for that year. All forms can be found on [www.oldtappan.net](http://www.oldtappan.net). Click on "Boards," then "Environmental," and scroll down and click on "Community Garden."
4. The fee for this year is \$50.00. Checks should be made out to the Borough of Old Tappan and submitted to Marta DiSanti at the Borough Hall, 227 Old Tappan Rd.
5. Each full plot will be assigned to one member, who will be fully responsible for compliance with the rules.
6. Lot sharing is allowed for up to two members per plot. Full fee payment will be the responsibility of the initial member. Payment sharing is arranged privately between members. The second member MUST also submit an application and Hold Harmless agreement.
7. This is an organic garden – no chemicals, fertilizers, weed control or insect control chemicals are permitted.
8. Weeds or other garden waste must be removed from the individual plots and properly discarded. Do not leave refuse bags in the garden.
9. It is expected that the space assigned will be fully utilized.
10. Keep the aisles around your plot clear of weeds and other debris.
11. Be sure to lock the gate when leaving the garden. There have been issues with non-members entering the garden and picking produce assuming that harvesting was for any community resident.
12. If you are experiencing harvesting challenges, please notify David Keil at [keildj36@gmail.com](mailto:keildj36@gmail.com) so that arrangements can be made to harvest the produce and deliver it to the local food bank.
13. If, for any reason, you are not able to tend your area properly - for instance, if you are ill or leave town for summer vacation - find another member to substitute for you to tend the plot while you are away or in need of assistance.
14. Be mindful of your neighbors. Select plants that will not shade, creep, or otherwise impinge upon your neighbor's plot. Also, as the garden is highly visible, it has become a summer showcase for you and the Borough. Please make every effort to keep your plot neat and weed-free over the course of the season.
15. All minors must be supervised by a parent or guardian.
16. Pets are not allowed inside the garden fence.