

OLD TAPPAN

2024 ORGANIC COMMUNITY GARDEN

**COVID restrictions have been minimized but may be increased at any point.
For everyone's safety, please continue wearing a mask and
maintaining social distancing.**

RULES & REGULATIONS

Please follow the following regulations:

1. To open the gate, use the combination lock code for this year, which will be sent to each member after receipt of paperwork and payment.
2. All participants in the Community Gardens are required to annually submit an application, a Hold Harmless agreement, and the applicable fee for that year. The fee for 2023 is \$40.00. Checks should be made out to the Borough of Old Tappan and submitted to Marta DiSanti. Be sure to include your payment with a 2023 application and Hold Harmless agreement. Both forms can be found on www.oldtappan.net. Click on "Boards," then "Environmental," and scroll down and click on "Community Garden."
3. Participation in the Old Tappan Community Garden program is limited to residents of Old Tappan.
4. Each full plot will be assigned to one person, who will be responsible for compliance to the rules and fee payment. If that person decides to share, he or she will remain fully responsible for the rules and one payment of \$40.00. Payment sharing should be arranged privately. The person sharing the plot must also submit an application and Hold Harmless agreement.
5. It is expected that the space assigned is fully utilized.
6. Be mindful of your neighbors. Select plants that will not shade, creep, or otherwise impinge upon your neighbor's plot.
7. Keep the aisles around your plot clear of weeds and other debris.
8. This is an organic garden – no chemicals, fertilizers, weed control or insect control chemicals are permitted.
9. Be sure to lock the gate when leaving the garden. In the past, we have had issues with non-members entering the garden and picking produce assuming that harvesting was for any community resident.
10. In the past, we have also had gardeners who did not harvest their own produce in a timely fashion, and it rotted on the vine. If you are experiencing harvesting challenges, please notify David Keil at keildj36@gmail.com so that arrangements can be made to harvest the produce and deliver it to the local food bank.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. All minors must be supervised by a parent or guardian.
14. Weeds or other garden waste must be removed from the individual plots and properly discarded. Do not leave refuse bags in the garden.
15. Pets are not allowed inside the garden fence.