



## **Bristol Community Garden Dis-Invited Policy**

We feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to use this small plot of land, owned by Martin and Kathleen Clark, for our Community Garden. In order to ensure it remains well-maintained throughout the season, we are introducing the dis-invited gardener's policy. This policy has been used in other community gardens throughout the state.

✿ In order to prevent the spread of diseases and pests, it's necessary to keep your plot weeded. Walkways must also be tended regularly. A gardener will receive a warning if their individual plot(s) is not taken care of during the season. It's important, as a Community Gardener, to work with your neighbors at the site to maintain an area which benefits everyone, including folks who may not be gardeners themselves, but still have to see the garden site every day. Our goal is

to create a garden site which is aesthetically pleasing, healthy and inviting to the community.

If a gardener's plot is consistently un-tended during the season, the Site Coordinator will contact the gardener in question and issue a warning. If the gardener does not respond to the warning, the Site Coordinator will send a letter to the gardener re-stating the problem and give the gardener a time frame within which to clean up his/her plot. If the gardener does not address the situation within this time frame, he/she will be dis-invited. Once a gardener is dis-invited, they lose all rights to their community garden plot and the plot and its contents will be given to someone else on the waiting list.

There are several reasons why a gardener could be dis-invited:

1. Gardeners who do not clean up their plot at the end of the season will not be asked back.
2. Gardeners who do not respond in a timely fashion to the issued warnings.
3. Verbal and/or physical abuse upon another gardener.
4. Destruction of property.
5. Stealing another gardener's produce/herbs/flowers.

Gardeners who have been dis-invited will have the opportunity to be reinstated by sending a formal request to the Bristol Community Garden Program for consideration. The Site Coordinators will review and discuss the situation with the gardener. If the site coordinator is unable to attend the meeting, he/she will send a letter detailing the reasons to the dis-invited gardener. If the gardener is granted another season, he/she will automatically be placed on probation for the coming season, and any warning will result in an immediate dis-invite.

Please send request to be reinstated to your Site Coordinator.

If you have any questions or concerns,  
please contact :  
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