

Rutherford Hall Community Garden Rules

Carefully review the **Garden Rules** before signing up and throughout the season as needed.

General Garden Etiquette & Maintenance

- **Carry in, carry out – remove all trash** at the end of your session. There is no garbage pickup for the garden.
- **Keep aisles clear**—do not leave tools, supplies, cages, or any other tripping hazards in pathways.
- **Turn off water** when finished and neatly **store hoses** in the designated area.
- **Return all tools** before leaving—there will be a **designated tool storage area**.
- **Weed regularly**, both **inside and around** your plot to maintain a clean and welcoming space.
- **Use organic methods** whenever possible. Our community uses **vinegar, salt, and dish soap spray** for weeds—please avoid chemical herbicides.
- **Gardening Soil**, a base of soil is in each plot and renters will need to add additional gardening soil.

Harvesting & Cleanup

- **Harvest crops as they mature** to avoid waste. Have extra produce? Let us know—we can use it for **educational programs or donate it** to a local food pantry.
- **No pets inside the garden**. If you bring a pet onto the property, clean up after them.
- **End-of-season cleanup is required**—plots must be cleared **by December 1st**. No tools, cages, or personal items may be stored in the garden during the off-season.

Safety & Community Responsibility

- **Name tags required**—all gardeners must wear a name tag while onsite. This ensures security and helps gardeners connect and build connections.
- **Park only in designated spots**—do not park on the grass or in the roadway.
- **Respect fellow gardeners**—civil and polite conversation is expected. **Address any concerns directly with each other first** before escalating.
- **Report any issues**—holes in the fence, broken equipment, or other concerns should be emailed to info@rutherfordhall.org.

Registration & Fees

- **Seasonal plot rental** (April–November): **\$50**
- **Security deposit: \$50** (returned if the plot is properly cleaned by December 1st).
- **Participants must sign a waiver** releasing the Allamuchy Township School District & Rutherford Hall Foundation from liability for injuries or property damage on garden grounds.

◆◆ **Have a wonderful growing season!** Together we keep our garden thriving and beautiful.