

# City of Revere: Community Garden Grower Rules & Regulations

2026

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## Welcome to the 2026 Community Garden Season!

Maintaining a community garden plot in Revere is a privilege. All gardeners must read, sign, and agree to the terms of this contract before the start of each season. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of your plot and removal from the program, as determined by the City of Revere Public Health Department.

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### Signed Contract Due by May 1, 2026

You must sign and return this agreement using one of the following methods:

**Email:**

Nada Abou Hadiba — nabouhadiba@revere.org

**Mail:**

281 Broadway, ATTN: Public Health  
Revere, MA 02151

**In Person:**

281 Broadway, Lower Level – Public Health Office  
Revere, MA 02151

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### \$25 Membership Fee Due by May 1, 2026

An annual fee of \$25 per plot is required for all garden plot owners except the Garden Leaders.

**Mail a check or money order:**

281 Broadway, ATTN: Public Health, Revere, MA 02151

**In-person delivery of check or money order:**

281 Broadway, Lower Level – Public Health Office, Revere. MA 02151

**Your check must include “2026 Garden Dues, Your Name, Your Garden Location, Your Plot Number” on the memo line.**

**Cash or Credit Card payments are not accepted.**

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## Important Dates:

**New:** 2026 Growing Season Kick-Off Open House

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 5:30 pm

Location: City Hall 281 Broadway, Public Health Office

Community Gardens Open for the Season

Friday, May 1, 2026

Plots must be Weed-Free

Friday, May 15, 2026

Every Gardener MUST begin planting by at least

Monday, June 1, 2026

Community Gardens Closed for the Season

Monday, November 30, 2026

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## Garden Rules and Regulations

### Plot Maintenance

1. All plots must be kept carefully weeded, clean, and neat at all times. No litter may be kept within the garden, each gardener agrees to remove their own litter. Garden coordinators and leaders will periodically inspect plots between May and November.
2. Plots found to be unattended or unkempt will be recorded, and the gardener will be notified. Gardeners will have one week to correct issues. Failure to do so will result in a \$25 fee, which will be applied to the following season's membership fee. Continued negligence, including excessive weeds or failure to plant by June 15, will result in immediate termination of the plot.
3. Gardeners are responsible for removing their own garden waste in a timely manner. If physically unable, waste should be placed in lawn bags and left outside the garden area. Gardeners should contact Revere 311 for pickup and specify their garden location.
4. Plants and materials must remain within plot boundaries and not extend into walkways or neighboring plots.

### End-of-Season Responsibilities

5. All gardeners must prepare their plot for winter no later than November 30, including removing all plant material except perennials and removing stakes and plant supports. Dead plant material must be removed to prevent pests and fungus.
6. Plots not cleared by November 30 will be recorded and assessed a \$50 fee, applied to the following season.
7. Gardeners who repeatedly violate rules may not be invited back the following season.

## **Plot Assignment & Use**

8. Each gardener may cultivate one plot only, with a limit of one plot per household (apt/unit). No gardener may maintain a plot on behalf of another person. Revere residents are given priority in plot assignments.
9. No gardener may work in another plot or harvest from another plot without permission.

## **Absences & Communication**

10. Gardeners must notify their garden leader if they:
  - a. Plan to abandon their plot
  - b. Will be away for an extended period
  - c. Arrange for someone to care for their plot
11. Plots may not be reassigned or exchanged without approval from the Public Health Department.
12. Gardeners must keep their contact information up to date.

## **Participation & Shared Responsibilities**

13. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to attend meetings communicated via email.
14. Gardeners must assist in maintaining common areas and walkways.

## **Supplies & Resources**

15. Shared tools are available in the garden shed and must be returned after use. Any damage or loss must be reported.
16. The City provides soil/loam every other year, paper yard waste bags annually, and scheduled water access. Requests for additional materials may be submitted and are subject to budget availability.
17. Gardeners may add their own organic compost or fertilizer and must properly fill beds with provided loam (2–3 inches if adding)

## **Prohibited Substances & Structures**

18. The use of chemical herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, or weed repellents is strictly prohibited and will result in expulsion
19. Smoking is not allowed in the garden at any time.

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- 20. Growing marijuana or illegal plants (such as poppy) is strictly prohibited.
- 21. No large structures or fences are allowed, aside from standard plant supports.

## General Garden Policies

- 22. The City is not responsible for produce lost due to human or animal activity.
- 23. Gardeners should harvest produce regularly to minimize loss and prevent rotting.
- 24. Gardeners must conserve water and follow any conservation measures.
- 25. Guests are welcome but must be supervised.
- 26. Animals are not allowed in the garden.
- 27. Bicycling, skateboarding, and rollerblading are not allowed.
- 28. Revere High School gardeners must follow all applicable school policies.
- 29. Tall crops (e.g., corn, sunflowers) must be placed to avoid shading neighboring plots and should be planted toward the center.
- 30. Gardeners must maintain access to their plot without stepping into others.

## Abandonment Policy

- 31. A plot may be considered abandoned if it has rotting produce, debris, or has not been watered for two weeks.
- 32. Gardeners will receive two notices (7 days each). Failure to respond will result in written termination of the plot.

## Liability

- 33. The City of Revere and garden leaders are not responsible for the actions of other gardeners or for any injury, loss, or damage.
- 34. Gardeners agree to hold the City harmless from any claims related to the use of their plot.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to follow all of the Revere Community Garden Rules and Regulations as listed above.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Garden:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assigned Plot Number:** \_\_\_\_\_