

# City of Revere: Community Garden Grower Rules and Regulations **2024**

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Maintaining a garden plot in the Revere High School, Gibson, Beachmont, and McKinley gardens is a privilege. All gardeners agree to abide by the following Rules and Regulations and failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of your plot and removal. The Coordinators along with the City of Revere will make the official decision and notify you accordingly.

1. **Acceptance of contract.** Before you begin using your garden plot you must first read and accept the terms of this contract. Respond to your garden leader via email or phone stating you accept the terms of the contract.

2. **MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT OF \$25 DUE BEFORE MAY 31st:**

Check or money orders can be mailed to:

Revere City Hall  
Public Health Department  
"Community Garden Fee"  
281 Broadway  
Revere, MA 02151

Check or money order can also be dropped off:

Revere City Hall  
**Public Health Department (Basement level)**  
"Community Garden Fee"  
281 Broadway  
Revere, MA 02151

**Payment by check or money order only this year. Apologies, but NO CASH is allowed.**

**Please make check or money order out to:** City of Revere  
**Memo Line needs to include the following:** '2024 Garden Dues', your name, the name of the garden you belong, and your plot #

If you need a hardship waiver for the year, please notify Viviana Catano at [vcatano-merino@mgb.org](mailto:vcatano-merino@mgb.org)

**IMPORTANT DATES AND PENALTY FEES:**

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3. The community garden will open on **May 1st**.

4. **By May 15:** Plots should be weed-free  
**By June 1:** Each gardener must begin planting their plot  
**By June 15th:** Plots should be substantially cultivated

5. All plots must be kept carefully weeded, clean and neat at all times. No litter may be kept within the garden and each gardener agrees to remove their own litter. Periodically between May and Nov. garden coordinators and leaders will visit gardens to check on the status of the plots. Plots found to be overgrown with weeds will be notified and given a week to clean up. If overgrown weeds are still found a week later after being notified, this will be recorded and an additional \$25 dollar fee will be added to the annual garden payment the following season. Continued negligence of a plot that includes excessive weeds or lack of planting by June 15th will result in immediate membership termination.

6. All gardeners agree to prepare their plot for Winter no later than **November 30th**. Preparing a plot for winter is defined as: 1) removing all plant material except perennials, and 2) removing stakes and other plant supports (these can be left in the garden over the winter if organized in a neat bundle.) Dead plant material attracts pests and fungus and is a detriment to surrounding gardens. Plots that are not completely clear by November 30 will be recorded and an additional \$50 dollar fee will be added to annual garden payment the following season. Growers who consistently have violated the rules will not be invited back the following season.

### **DISPOSAL OF GARDEN WASTE:**

7. All gardeners are responsible for cleaning and taking away their own garden waste in a timely manner. If you have a physical impediment and can't dispose of your garden waste, please use lawn bags, fill them up and bring them outside of the garden area. Call Revere 311, ask for garden waste to be picked up, state which garden you are calling from RHS, Gibson, Beachmont, McKinley garden.

Special note for Revere High School gardeners: Please bring the bags OUTSIDE of the gated area in the corner of Mountain Ave and School Street. Do NOT leave waste inside the garden area.

### **ADDITIONAL GARDEN RULES:**

8. Each gardener may cultivate one plot only. Only one plot may be assigned per household (apt./unit). No gardener may cultivate a plot on behalf of another person. Revere residents will always be given priority in the assignment of plots.
9. Gardeners agree to notify a coordinator or their garden leader if they intend to abandon their plot or if they will be away from their plot for an extended period of time. They also agree to notify a coordinator or garden leader if they arrange for someone to care for their plot in their absence. Gardeners may not assign their plots to another person, nor may they switch plots with another person without the permission of the coordinators. Gardeners agree to notify the coordinators and

garden leaders of any changes to their contact information.

10. All gardeners are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in all meetings which are communicated in advance by email and phone (if requested)
11. Garden supplies to maintain plots are available in the shared shed. Coordinators or garden leaders will provide accessibility information via email. All plot owners agree to the maintenance of shared supplies and report any breakages or losses to the garden leaders or coordinators. All supplies not limited to nozzles and hoses, must be returned to the shed after use.
12. All gardeners agree to participate in the maintenance and weeding of the common areas and walkways. All gardeners agree to keep their plants and garden materials entirely within the limits of their plot. Plants should not grow on the walkway or extend into neighboring plots.
13. **The city of Revere will provide a pile of loam for each garden every other year. Members wishing to add loam to their beds are responsible for filling their own bed with 2-3 inches of the loam provided. Gardeners are allowed to bring their own organic compost or fertilizer to add to their plots to amend their soil.**
14. **The use of chemical herbicides, pesticides, fungicides or weed repellents is not allowed anywhere in the garden. Violation of this rule will result in expulsion.**
15. No gardener is allowed to do any work (including watering) in another gardener's plot without that gardener's permission.
16. Gardeners will not harvest from another gardener's plot without permission.
17. All gardeners will conserve water at all times and abide by any water conservation measures as may be set forth by the coordinators.
18. All gardeners will supply their own tools and garden materials and treat any shared tools/supplies with respect.
19. Smoking is not allowed within the garden at any time.
20. Guests and neighbors are welcome in the garden. All gardeners agree to supervise any visitors and educate them on the purpose of a community garden. Animals are not allowed in the garden at any time. Bicycling, skateboarding, and rollerblading are not allowed in the garden.
21. Produce must be harvested regularly and not allowed to rot on the ground.
22. No large structures or fences other than standard plant supports may be erected within any plot.

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Gardeners agree not to plant tall crops (corn, sunflowers, etc.) in a location where they will cast a shadow over another plot. Gardeners should leave space to allow access to their own plot without needing to step into an adjacent plot. When planting tall crops plant them in the middle of your plot. Contact the garden coordinators if you plan to grow tall crops, we *may* be able to move you to a plot that casts less shadow.

23. Any diseased plant material must be removed from the garden as soon as it is discovered.
24. If the garden leader or coordinators thinks a plot has been abandoned, the plot owner will be notified. If no response is received within 7 days, a second and last notice will be sent. If the plot owner does not respond within 7 days, a written notice is sent terminating rights to the plot. (Abandoned is considered if plot has rotting produce, garden debris, and unwatered for two weeks.) Remember all garden plot holders can ask the assistance of garden members if you are away or unable to care for your plot. Depending on the time of the year, the disposition of the plot is up to the discretion of the coordinators.
25. Gardeners are strictly prohibited from growing marijuana and illegal plants such as poppy in any area of the community gardens.
26. Priority for plots will be given to Revere residents with no other community garden plots.
27. Gardeners agree that if they have a question about the garden or rules, they will ask a coordinator before proceeding.
28. Coordinators may on occasion need to switch gardeners to a different plot than previously assigned to accommodate the best growing environment for all growers. Gardeners will be notified of any changes prior to the growing season.
29. Revere High School Community Garden Only: Since this garden is located on Revere High School Property, all gardeners agree to abide by any and all rules and regulations that may be imposed by Revere High School or the City of Revere.
30. Gibson Community Garden Only: I understand that active beehives will be kept within the confines of the Gibson Community Garden and managed by a beekeeper. I understand and acknowledge the potential that harm can result from the ordinary behavior of bees. For myself, my heirs, assigns, and any guests whom I invite into the Community Garden, I agree to defend and hold harmless the City of Revere, the Revere CARES Coalition, staff, volunteers, and the beekeeper from any and all claims or potential claims for injury, illness, damage, or death which may accrue against the City of Revere, the Revere CARES Coalition, staff, volunteers, and the beekeeper that might arise out of my activities at the community garden. This specifically, but not exclusively, includes any harm of any type that may result from exposure or interaction near or with the bees and beehives. I agree to maintain a reasonable distance from the beehives

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and not to trespass any barrier that is erected around the beehives; that I shall not touch, disturb, or cause any disturbance to the beehives at any time in any manner; and shall not approach the beehive unless the beekeeper is present and agrees to let me observe the hive maintenance. I further agree to notify either the Beekeeper or a representative of the Revere CARES Coalition as soon as possible in the event that I observe a disturbance of the beehives or a trespass into the area of the Beehives.

31. By signing this contract you authorize the use of pictures taken at the garden of yourself, your associates, and your plot to be used to promote and provide updates on the Revere Community Garden on social media which includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat, and Pinterest.
32. Mosquitoes, bees, wasps, other insects, and animals are part of the natural landscape and cannot be controlled by the community garden leaders, coordinators, or the City of Revere. Insect and animal nuisance will not be accepted as an excuse to maintain plots in the order outlined in this contract. Growers are encouraged to use organic repellent and other means to keep themselves safe while tending to their plot.
33. All gardeners agree that neither the Revere Community Gardens nor the owners of the land (City of Revere) are responsible for the gardeners' actions. They further agree to hold harmless the Revere Community Gardens and the City of Revere from any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of their plot by themselves or any of their guests.

*By signing below or replying to a coordinator or garden leader via email, you acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to follow all of the Revere Community Garden rules and regulations as listed above.*

**Name:**

**Date:**

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Signature:**

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

**Garden Coordinators Season 2024:**

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Samanda Lumaj, Healthy Living Program Coordinator, [slumaj@revere.org](mailto:slumaj@revere.org) and 781-485-8486

## **Garden Leaders Season 2024:**

Revere High School: Jeanette DiMasso and Amber Dakin

Gibson: Johh (AKA Jack) Polcari, Jasmine Villanueva

Beachmont: Jadir Pimenta

McKinley: Celina Hernandez