

## W&Q TMO

### FRUIT & VEG ALLOTMENT RULES 24th March 2021

**General principles.** The plots are for growing fruit and vegetables only, for you and your family's consumption. You may distribute produce to neighbours but you are not permitted to: sell produce: run your allotment plot as a business; or sub-let your plot. You should not change the nature of the plot in a way that makes it less valuable. You should apply manure and compost as this helps to maintain the quality of the soil. Noncompliance should be reported to the GSC.

**Herbicides, pesticides, slug pellets** – are banned. Please consider alternative organic methods. Noncompliance should be reported to the GSC.

**Composting.** Please recycle organic waste in the composter at the rear of the garden, to the left at the back of Delarch House. Noncompliance should be reported to the GSC.

**Maintenance.** You are responsible for the upkeep of your plot: watering, weeding and harvesting. Your plot must be kept clean and maintained in a good state of cultivation. Plot inspections are carried out from time to time during, and at the end of the growing season. Beans and their supports must be within the plot boundary and you should have a regard for the safety of visitors to the garden by not allowing anything to encroach on the pathways. At the end of the growing season, you are expected to tidy the plot, turn the soil over and remove all canes and supports. If at any time the use of the plot is considered to be noncompliant or is looking neglected, the holder will be given clear objectives and time within which to correct the situation, by the GSC. If the plot still does not comply then it will be re-distributed to new applicants on the waiting list, by the GSC.

**Boundaries.** The boundary of each plot will be marked by string and each plot numbered. Please do not erect any fences. Do not encroach on neighbouring plots or interfere with anyone else's plants. Noncompliance should be reported to the GSC.

**Watering.** You may use the communal watering cans and get water from the garden tap. If using the hose, kindly rewind it after use. If you are going away for some weeks, please ask a fellow gardener to water your plants for you. Noncompliance should be reported to the GSC.

**Plot distribution:** The Garden & Social Committee (GSC) will hold data on the Plot number, name of holder, date plot was given, date of review. Plots will be distributed as follows:

1. 1 x plot per household which is non-transferable.
2. Non-Transferable Plots: If you are a Council tenant, Leaseholder or Leaseholder tenant, and are leaving the estate, you must inform the GSC of your leaving date.
3. Your plot will be valid for 3 years from the date of issue. You will have the opportunity to reapply for a plot. Please note, those on the waiting list will take priority.
4. There will be a ballot every 3 years *if* demand outgrows supply. Those who have had their plots the longest will be returned for the ballot, along with any new applications.
5. The committee reserves the right to give priority to people with disabilities and the elderly, to choose a preferred plot location.
6. A waiting list of applicants will be held in case of residents moving away or not complying with the maintenance rules during, and at the end of the growing season.
7. Noncompliance should be reported to the GSC.

**Access:** Gardening should only take place during daylight hours with adherence to the general garden rules posted at the entrance to the garden. Violation of the general garden rules should be addressed to the TMO Office.

**Tools:** All TMO tools to be cleaned and returned to the tool box and locked up at the end of each use. Failure to do so should be reported to the GSC.

**Risk:** Use of the allotment and communal garden tools by any resident is entirely at your own risk and the TMO cannot be held responsible for any personal damage or injury.

**Complaints:** Please respect each other and try to resolve any disputes with fellow gardeners amicably between yourselves.

Any issues that can not be resolved between yourselves and pertaining only to these rules should be addressed to the GSC.

Complaints regarding Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), including but not limited to items listed below, should be in writing to the TMO Office [contact@wqtmo.org](mailto:contact@wqtmo.org):

### Code of Conduct

- No Dogs
- No Smoking
- No Litter
- No excessive noise
- No music
- No BBQs/ Gas fires/ Wood fires
- No food or drink
- No ball games (only table tennis)
- No climbing of Trees
- No climbing over the gate/ fence
- Residents may use the space at their own risk
- Children should always be supervised
- W&Q TMO residents only

**Policies:** The Garden & Social Committee (GSC) will review the policies from time to time and inform gardeners of any changes.

**I ACCEPT AND AGREE TO THE 'W&Q FRUIT & VEG ALLOTMENT RULES', WHICH MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.**

**I AGREE TO INFORM THE GSC IF I LEAVE MY PROPERTY, WHETHER I AM A LEASEHOLDER, LEASEHOLDER TENANT OR COUNCIL TENANT.**

**Plot no:**

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

**Email**.....

**Mobile**.....

**Date**.....

**Signature**.....