

2024 COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

AT THE SCOTT ARBORETUM (Revised 3/2024)

- ❁ Current members of the Scott Associates are eligible to participate. The fee rental for the 2024 season is \$25. The plots are assigned on a yearly basis in early spring as openings become available.
- ❁ Parking is available in the Mary Lyon parking lot across Harvard Avenue from the garden area, **not on the lawn.**
- ❁ Participants supply all their own tools, seeds, fertilizer, and water.
- ❁ Low, modest fencing not higher than 4 feet is permitted.
- ❁ Individual gardeners are responsible for the maintenance of their plots (keeping them weed free).
- ❁ Abandoned plots that are not maintained will be mowed over after notification. Plots will be inspected every two weeks.
- ❁ We do not designate an area for compost materials. Any weeds or waste from the plot should be removed from the site or composted on each individual site. Do not make piles of weeds/brush at the end of the plots. The lawn must be clear of edging materials for the lawnmowers to maintain the surrounding grass. **Please do not add stones or rocks in the lawn surrounding the gardens.**
- ❁ If, due to unexpected circumstances, gardeners find they are unable to maintain their plot, they are requested to notify the Administrative Coordinator as early as possible. Tele: 610-328-8025
Email: jwest2@swarthmore.edu
- ❁ Plant only annuals; avoid using perennials, bulbs, mint, Jerusalem artichokes or corn.
- ❁ Gardeners should take precautions against any product drifting by wind or traveling in stormwater across or through the soil, where it might come into contact with other people or their plants.
- ❁ Gardeners should use the least toxic pesticide that will solve the problem. The use of harmful pesticides, herbicides and fungicides is not permitted. Examples of least-toxic insecticides include insecticidal petroleum or plant-based oils, soaps, and the microbial insecticide Bt. Gardeners must comply with product labels, applying products (both fertilizers and pesticides) using the quantity and frequency that has been tested for safety.
- ❁ Some helpful guides include:
The UC Davis IPM Pest Notes: <https://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/index.html>
Penn State's info sheet on common garden pests:
<https://ento.psu.edu/outreach/extension/ipm/english/agriculture/pest-problem-solver>
- ❁ **Garden plots on the tilled tier (plots 1-12) must be cleared by November 30.** All stakes, rocks, ornaments, fixtures, etc. are to be removed so that staff can prepare the area for winter. Also remove plastic or weed barrier soil covers and to remove all fencing. This is to prepare the plots for tilling in the early spring for the next season.
- ❁ Garden plots on the untilled tier (plots 13-23) may be maintained growing cover and cold weather crops until Mid-February. Fencing may remain for those participants who wish to extend their growing season. You must notify the Administrative Coordinator by November 1, 2024 if you intend to do so. Those

participants on the 'no till' tier who do not wish to garden beyond November, must remove all fencing and debris by November 30th in anticipation of the subsequent season.

- ✿ Garden plots are not transferable and are assigned yearly based on availability and application. With increasing demand, multiple plots are not assigned or guaranteed from one season to the next.