

2026

Community Gardens at Goddard Park- New Season, Fresh Start- Program Revamp



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Working to revamp the Community Gardens program for the upcoming season. We appreciate your cooperation and commitment to making this program a positive experience for everyone.

Gardening Season

- Season Dates: April 15 – November 1 each year.
- Pre-Season Meeting: A mandatory Garden Group Meeting will be held in early April at the Gardens. (Meeting date to be determined)
- Fee: \$31.00 Resident, \$52.00 non-resident
- Churches and Charitable organizations fee waived.

Pre-Season Meeting Details

- Led by Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager. (Early April at the Gardens)
- Review of rules and regulations (which all gardeners must sign).
- Overview of contact procedures for questions or concerns.
- Discussion of soil needs, preparation, and any outstanding items from the previous season.

🔔 Important Communication Protocol:

- You are renting a plot from London Grove Township.
- All issues/concerns/request must be directed to Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager.
- Do not send group emails with all gardeners cc'd regarding complaints or feedback.
- Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager will mediate any garden-related issues and handle follow-ups if needed.

End of Season Review

- Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager will inspect plots for:
 - Clean-out
 - Damage
 - Needed repairs (e.g., box repairs, plot number replacements)
- Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager will then:
 - Report findings to the Township and the Parks and Recreation Board as an FYI.

- Collaborate to schedule a volunteer day for maintenance.
- Possibly engage local Scouts or high school students for volunteer assistance.

Regulatory Monthly Meeting

- Attendance is for gardeners at a by-monthly meeting prior to the Parks and Recreation Committee meetings-April, June, August, October. Second Tuesday of the month from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Meetings can include:
 - Presentations on best practices
 - Open forum for issues and concerns
 - Discussion on purchase items, or items they would like to see for the following year.

❖ Have a topic suggestion?

Let the Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager know if you'd like to explore a specific gardening topic. She will try to arrange a presentation on it.

Final Note

Let's work together to revamp and preserve the Community Gardens program. With your help, we can make this a thriving, respectful, and educational community space. Let's grow something great — together!

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Questions? Contact Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager

Goddard Park Community Garden Maintenance Guidelines and Rules

Gate Locking System

- The combination lock code is for registered gardeners only and must not be shared. This code will change from year to year.
- The gate must remain closed and locked at all times to ensure the safety and security of the garden.

Garden Bed Maintenance

- Children must be supervised at all times within the garden area.
- Pets are not permitted in the garden.
- Gardeners are fully responsible for the upkeep of their assigned beds, including watering, weeding, maintenance, and harvesting.
- This is a strictly organic garden; the use of pesticides or herbicides is prohibited.
- Plants must be contained within the boundaries of the garden beds. Any vegetation that extends beyond the bed may be trimmed or removed.
- Tall, invasive, or visually obstructive plantings are not permitted.
- The construction or installation of greenhouse structures over beds is prohibited.
- Weed fabric is not permitted within garden beds.

Bed Assignments and Availability

- All rentals are on a first-come, first served basis, one bed per gardener during the initial window:
- March 1-13: LGT residents with a current bed
- March 14-31: LGT residents without a current bed
- March 23-31: Non-residents with a current bed
- April 1-May 1: Non-residents without a current bed
- May 1 onward: Any unclaimed beds may be rented as a second plot
- Garden beds that are left unattended or unused for more than three weeks are subject to reassignment without refund.

Compost Area

- All plant waste must be removed from garden beds and either composted in the designated compost area or disposed of appropriately.

- At the end of the gardening season, all plant material must be cleared, and beds should be left in clean and orderly condition.
- Failure to follow compost and cleanup guidelines may result in the loss of gardening privileges for a minimum of two years.

Safety Guidelines

- All gardening activities must be conducted safely and respectfully.
- The use of gas-powered or electric tools is strictly prohibited.

Rule Enforcement

- Gardeners are expected to adhere to all rules and procedures outlined above.
- Enforcement process:
 1. First violation: **Verbal warning**.
 2. If no corrective action is taken: **Written notice**.
 3. Continued non-compliance: **Final notice of forfeiture** of gardening privileges and assigned plot for a minimum of two years.

Disclaimer

London Grove Township is not responsible for any damage or loss of personal property.

Contact Information

For questions or concerns, please contact:

Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager
London Grove Township

Phone: **610-345-0100**

Email: dmaciejczyk@londongrove.org

Acknowledgment

I have read and understand the **Goddard Park Community Garden Maintenance Guidelines and Rules**. I acknowledge that failure to follow these guidelines may result in the loss of garden fees and gardening privileges. **Signature** _____ **Date:** _____

Goddard Park Community Garden Garden Bed Application Form

Participant Information

Name or Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Date: _____

Resident Yes No

Non-Resident Yes No

If beds are to be shared, secondary gardeners' information is required.

Name or Organization: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Date: _____

Would you prefer a tall raised bed? Yes No (Beds will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis)

Is there anything you would like the Township to be aware of?

If you have any questions or concerns, please email maciejczyk@londongrove.org .

Submission of an application constitutes your agreement that you understand the maintenance and rules and will abide by them.

Please have your application reviewed and approved by the Township. Please return you're approved and signed application, acknowledgement waiver and fee to:

**Attention: Dawn Maciejczyk, Assistant Township Manager
London Grove Township
372 Rose Hill Road, Suite 100
West Grove, PA 19390**

Happy Planting!

London Grove Township Community Garden Acknowledgement and Waiver of Liability

I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, do hereby voluntarily waive, release, and discharge any and all rights and claims for damages that I or my family may now, or hereafter have, against **London Grove Township**, its elected officials, appointees, employees, volunteers, and contractors, for any and all injuries, losses, or damages which may be sustained by myself or my family as a result of voluntary participation in any activities related to the **London Grove Township Community Garden**.

I acknowledge and accept full responsibility for any expenses incurred in the event of an accident, illness, or other emergency. I participate in the Community Garden voluntarily and at my own risk.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the terms of this waiver. This release is executed knowingly and voluntarily on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Participant Information

- Print Name: _____
- Signature: _____
- Street Address: _____
- City / State / Zip: _____
- Contact Number: _____

For Official Use Only

To be completed by London Grove Township

In witness hereof:

- Name (Print): _____
- Signature: _____
- Date: _____

Community Garden End-of-Season Survey

Thank you for being a part of the community garden this season! Your feedback helps us improve and grow together. This short survey takes about 5 minutes to complete.

1. About You

- a) **Name (optional):** _____
- b) **Plot Number (if applicable):** _____
- c) **How many seasons have you participated in the garden?**
 - First season
 - 2–3 seasons
 - 4 or more seasons

2. Your Experience

- a) **How satisfied were you with your gardening experience this season?**
 - Very satisfied
 - Satisfied
 - Neutral
 - Unsatisfied
 - Very unsatisfied
- b) **What did you grow this season?** (check all that apply)
 - Vegetables
 - Herbs
 - Flowers
 - Fruits
 - Other: _____
- c) **How would you rate the following?** (scale of 1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)
 - a. Garden organization and communication: 1 2 3 4 5
 - b. Availability of tools/supplies: 1 2 3 4 5

- c. Plot maintenance and accessibility: 1 2 3 4 5
- d. Sense of community and collaboration: 1 2 3 4 5

3. Community & Events

a) **Did you attend any garden events or workdays this season?**

- Yes
- No

b) **What did you enjoy most about the community garden?**

c) **Do you feel supported and included in the garden community?**

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat

4. Challenges & Suggestions

a) **What challenges did you face this season?**

(e.g. pests, time management, water access, etc.)

b) **What would you suggest to improve the garden next season?**

5. Looking Ahead

a) **Do you plan to return next season?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure yet

b) **Any final thoughts, stories, or feedback you'd like to share?**

Thank you again for your participation and feedback!
We'll share a summary of responses at the end of the season.

Goddard Park Garden Beds Layout

