

B-Street Garden Rules and Pledge

(Subject to change at the discretion of the Advisory Group under the management of the Provincetown Conservation Commission)

Our goal is to foster a collaborative and supportive community of gardeners. If you have questions about the B-Street Garden Rules and Pledge, are unsure if a certain activity is allowed, or see something in the Garden that doesn't seem right or needs repair or replacement, please ask/notify the Advisory Group or conservation agent about it as soon as possible if you see them at the Garden, or by notifying them by email.

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A) Gardeners

1. I acknowledge that my primary residence must be in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in order to have and maintain a B-Street Garden plot.
2. It is my responsibility to ensure that my contact information is current at all times by submitting any updates to the conservation agent. Contact information includes: name; year-round mailing address, local address, phone number(s) and email address (where I can receive emails on a year-round basis). Annually I will provide the name(s) of any other family/household member(s) using my garden. I understand that it is very important that the Town has my current contact information at all times for the purpose of administrative action and as a means of informing me of current B-Street Garden information and updates
3. I will not assign or otherwise transfer rights to my plot to others. However, I may allow other family/household members to use any portion of the plot. If I do not renew my membership annually or otherwise relinquish my plot, I acknowledge that my plot will be available to be reassigned to another gardener by the conservation agent. Should there be more demand for plots than there are available plots, a waiting list shall be maintained, and the conservation agent will assign plots to the next person on the waiting list when the plots become available.
4. I will submit the completed B-Street Garden Application and pay the annual non-refundable Garden membership fee of \$40 (\$20 if 62 years old or over) via the online payment portal or at Town Hall no later than the date indicated in the renewal notification for the following garden season. I understand that if I do not complete both requirements by that date, the plot will be taken back and will be made available to the next person on the waiting list.
5. I acknowledge that if a plot becomes available, existing gardeners in good standing will have the option to switch plots, from their current plot to a newly available plot, before the available plot is assigned to the waiting list. If more than one existing gardener wishes to switch plots, and there are not enough plots for all

those wishing to switch locations, the available plot(s) will be assigned by the conservation agent. Gardeners wishing to switch plots should contact the conservation agent at the above email address.

6. I will only park in the B-Street lot when gardening and will not park in the lot overnight. I also understand that there is a 5-car limit for the lot.
7. I will not grill or have open flames, use alcohol or drugs, or play music aloud on the Property.
8. I acknowledge that dogs or pets of any type are prohibited at all times in the garden area, parking area or in the conservation land surrounding the gardens and parking area.
9. I will not alter or remove another gardener's planting, fencing, gate, or other structural elements unless given permission to do so by that gardener, the conservation agent, or a Garden Advisory Group member.
10. I will keep the gate to my plot closed and secured while not working in my plot in order to keep animals out of the row plots. In addition, if I see an open gate, I will close it and notify the plot owner if I can.
11. I understand that dumping or storing of any non-garden related material in or outside my garden plot, or anywhere in the conservation area, is prohibited.
12. I will not abuse or harass other gardeners or visitors. I understand that there is a zero-tolerance policy for this type of behavior.
13. I understand that the B-Street Garden is smoke and vape free.

B) Maintenance

1. I will keep my garden plot tended, weeded, in repair, and free of trash. I understand that a "tended" garden means my fence and gate must be secured, soil must be weeded, and something must be planted by June 1. If I don't do so, or if my plot is deemed "untended" by the B-Street Garden Advisory Group or the conservation agent at any time during the garden season each year, then my plot may be considered "abandoned" and made available to someone on the waiting list.
2. I will keep the wood chip paths in front of my garden gate and peripheral garden area free of trash and weeds. I acknowledge that I am responsible for weeding the path in front of my garden on the gated side.
3. I will neatly rewind hoses after use and turn off all faucets, making sure to turn off both spigots. I will not use untended watering methods on my plot.

4. I will clean and return B-Street wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, and other equipment to the storage shed after I am finished with them and will not leave them in my garden or in the pathways overnight.

5. I acknowledge that I will not grow invasive species. I will remove any invasive plants from my plot and surrounding areas if found. I will not place any invasive plants in the composting bins. I will put invasive plants in plastic bags and take them to the Town transfer station for disposal or place them in an area of the garden if one is designated by the B-Street Garden Advisory Group. There is now a bin near the kiosk for weeds and invasive species.

6. I will recycle all plastics, glass, aluminum cans, and other recyclable materials in the recycling container(s) or other approved containers within the Garden, or I will remove them from the garden.

7. I will compost compostable garden waste using the compost bins. I will not add weeds to the compost bins. I will take weeds to the Town transfer station for disposal or place them in an area of the garden if one is designated by the B-Street Garden Advisory Group. There is now a bin near the kiosk for weeds and invasive species.

C) Service Requirements

I understand that to remain a B-Street Gardener in good standing, I must perform two workdays of garden service each year as directed by the B-Street Advisory Group or conservation agent. One workday will be required between May and July, and one workday will be required between August and October. Workdays generally run 90 minutes each. I acknowledge that completion of both workdays each year is a condition for being allowed to keep my garden plot. I acknowledge that my garden plot may be taken back and my garden privileges suspended at any time if I did not meet the work requirements for the designated period.

I understand that if I cannot participate on one of the scheduled workdays due to scheduling conflicts, it is my responsibility to contact the conservation agent and determine how to meet work requirements with an equivalent assignment before the end of July or October, depending on the work cycle for which I will miss a workday. Work outside the scheduled workdays must be approved by the B-Street Garden Advisory Group or the conservation agent in advance and will only be approved if it can be verified.

I understand the following:

- Failure to complete garden work requirements will result in revocation of B-Street Garden privileges.
- If I lose my plot due to failure to complete workdays, I will not be permitted to reapply for a garden plot until November of the following year or after.

- If I lose my garden plot and reapply, my application will be put in line with others on the waitlist at that time. I realize that I will not necessarily receive the same plot when my turn comes up.

D) Planting Restrictions

1. Invasive Species: In compliance with Commonwealth of MA prohibition of invasive species, I will not grow any plants listed on the Do Not Grow Invasive Plant & Spreader Species fact sheet. See attached list (2 pages).
2. Height Restrictions: I will not grow plants or place structures exceeding 4 feet in height in my plot. Exceptions will be permitted for one or two sunflowers.
3. I understand that trellises or any planting supporting structure(s), or the staking of plants must be at least 2 feet from the perimeter of the plot.
4. I will not build or place any permanent structures in my garden that must remain during the overwintering period.
5. I will not grow trees in my plot.
6. I will not allow plants to grow beyond my plot boundaries or on any part of the perimeter fencing of my garden plot. I will not allow any plantings to overhang into any garden adjoining mine. I will monitor plants every time I visit my plot to make sure they are not trespassing on my neighbor's plots or shading their plots of sunlight.
7. I will not sell any produce on site.

E) Review and Compliance with Fact Sheets

1. I will review and comply with the fact sheets and other important information included in and attached to the Rules and Regulations, and any posted notices at the Garden Kiosk and/or on the shed front including but not limited to:

- B Street Garden Composting Guidelines
- Do Not Grow Invasive Plant & Spreader Species (2 pages)

B Street Garden Composting Guidelines

We invite you to compost your food and garden waste. Just bring it to the garden and deposit it in the active compost bin.

What is compostable:

Fruit and vegetable scraps

Coffee grounds

Eggshells

Grass clippings

Hay and straw

Leaves

Shredded newspapers

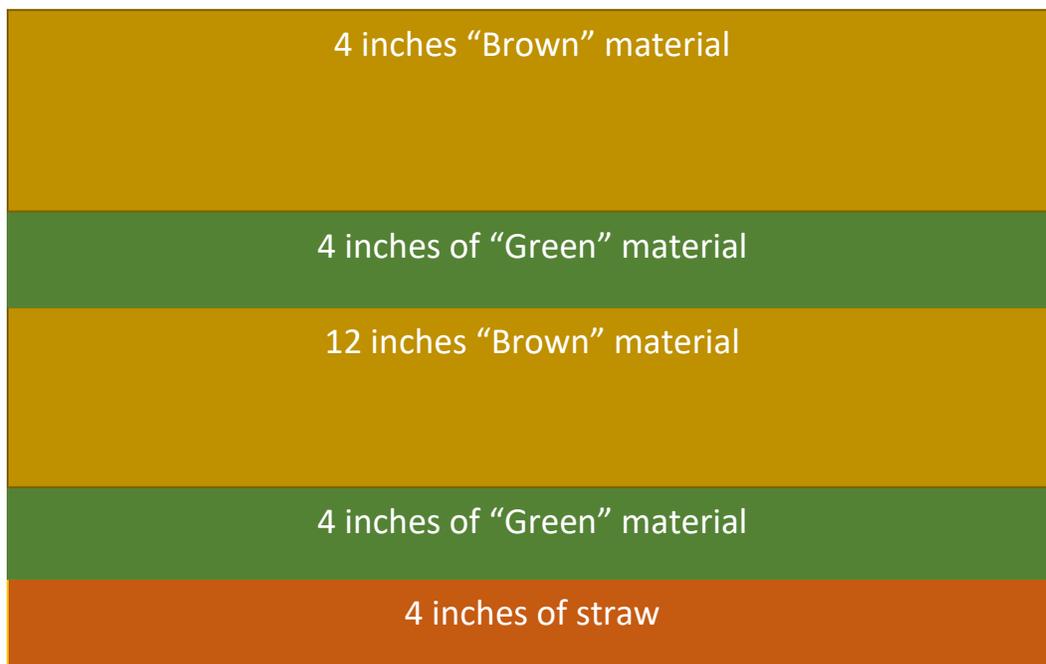
Nutshells

Yard trimmings

*Nothing should be larger than your thumb

Our goal is to layer green and brown materials in the compost pile.

Repeat Layers



Most of us have a lot of “green” material to add. We have made a bin for leaves (brown) that can be added as needed. If you have any dried leaves, please put them in this bin and we will add it to the compost pile as needed.

There is box located in the shed for your newspapers and corrugated cardboard boxes. These will be shredded and added as “brown” to the active bin.

We strongly encourage you to use the compost that is marked “Ready to Use” in your garden.

Compost will add to the health of our soil by providing nutrients for our plants and reduce the amount of water we use in our gardens.

- The compost may not be weed free however, it will still benefit the health of our soil.

Please do not compost:

meat products

grease/fat

Dairy products

bones

oyster and clam shells

tree branches

Pet waste

wood/charcoal ashes

old potting soil

Any diseased plants (Tomatoes with blight, leaves with powdery mildew, etc.)

These will cause the compost pile to smell and attract pests as well as slow down the composting process.

Once a bin is full, it will be considered “closed” and no additional materials should be added to that bin.

There will be an “active” bin for your composting materials and we will rotate through the bins we have.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Scott Stevens at srstevens0909@gmail.com

GREENING YOUR MIND ABOUT

THE DO NOT GROW INVASIVE PLANT & SPREADER SPECIES

An invasive species is “a non-native species whose introduction does, or is likely to cause, economic or environmental harm or harm to human, animal, or plant health” (Executive Order 13112, 1999).* As our community garden is uniquely positioned within a conservation park, we are responsible for ensuring that invasive plants do not have the opportunity to disrupt and overtake the native foliage particular to the Shank Painter Pond wetland. Listed here are invasive or spreading plant species that are especially noxious and damaging to Cape Cod. As gardeners, we promise to remove the following weeds at the B-Street Garden should they sprout:



BAMBOO, *Bambusa*
Native to China, and can grow 15 to 40 feet tall; will swiftly spread through New England.



GROUND ELDER,
Aegopodium podagraria
Has underground root system, making removal difficult; oval leaves have a strong smell when crushed; white flowers appear above foliage in the summer.



JIMSON WEED,
Datura stramonium
Will grow up to 5 feet tall with 8-inch leaves and large white or purple flowers; is extremely poisonous, and spreads vigorously through spiky seed pods.



MINT (ALL TYPES),
In the *Lamiaceae* family
Bilaterally symmetrical aromatic herb with serrated, veined leaves; common species are spearmint (*Mentha spicata*) and peppermint (*Menthe piperata*).



MULTIFLORA ROSE,
Rosa multiflora
Thorny shrub with arching stems and leaves divided into 5-11 sharply toothed leaflets; has clusters of fragrant white/pink flowers; small bright red hips develop during the summer.



TRUMPET VINE, *Campsis radicans*
Woody spreader that will climb over everything in its path, growing up to 35 feet; has waxy, orange to reddish orange trumpet-shaped flowers clustered at the ends of branches.



GARLIC MUSTARD,
Alliaria petiolata
Has stalked, heart-shaped, coarsely toothed leaves that smell like garlic when crushed; single plant can produce thousands of seeds.



JAPANESE HONEYSUCKLE,
Lonicera japonica
Twists its stems around vertical structures, including limbs and trunks of shrubs and small trees; leaves are oblong to oval, have short stalks, and occur in pairs along the stem.



LADY'S THUMB (kin to SMARTWEED),
Polygonum persicaria (*Polygonum lapathifolium*)
Has purplish triangle in the middle of each leaf like a thumbprint; flowers range from greenish white to pink and cluster tightly at the ends of stems; can grow up to 2 feet tall.



PURPLE LOOSTRIFE,
Lysimachia salicaria
Four to ten feet tall herb with whorled, lance-shaped leaves and magenta flower spikes in summer; has 30-50 stems growing from a single rootstock; outcompetes the native orchid and reduces habitat for waterfowl.

* Plant Conservation Alliance, “Alien Plant Working Group’s Least Wanted: Alien Plant Invaders of Natural Areas.” *Fact Sheets*, 2 Dec. 2009, 7 Jan. 2010 <<http://www.nps.gov/plants/alien/fact.htm>>.

Additional DO NOT GROW Species:



Hollyhocks



Morning glories



Strawberries