

Maplewood Village Condominium Association

Committees

Garden Committee

The garden plots of Maplewood Village are provided by the Association free of charge to interested residents who will properly care for a garden plot. There are plots at ground level and raised garden plots. The Board of Directors appoints the Garden Director who will then select other individuals in overseeing and managing the gardens.

The Maplewood Village Garden area is a lovely community effort developed by residents. It is important that the area be maintained to enhance the overall beauty of the entire complex and to be enjoyed by residents/visitors to Maplewood Village. The following rules outline the rules regarding garden use:

Annual Meeting

1. The annual meeting for determining garden plot allocation will take place in Fall and/or Spring.
2. Notice of the annual meeting will be posted in all buildings 2 weeks prior to meeting date.
3. Individuals interested in gardening a plot, must be present at the meeting. It is not assumed because an individual had a garden the previous year that individual desires the same plot the next year. In the event an individual cannot attend the annual meeting, **written notice or phone call of intent MUST** be provided to the Garden Director **prior** to the annual meeting.
4. Copies of garden rules will be provided to all new gardeners and available for seasoned gardeners. Copies will be available at the annual garden meeting. Presence at the meeting serves as an agreement to follow these rules.

Garden Plot Designation

1. **One** plot is allowed per unit. The owner has the right to the same plot the following year.
2. Extra plots will be distributed by the Garden Director to interested parties after the annual meeting. At the end of the garden season, these extra plots must be cleared back to bare ground.
3. Maps of plot designations will be posted in the garden storage shed.

Garden Maintenance

1. Gardeners are expected to keep their plots clear, free from weeds, overgrowth into adjoining gardens, and free from rotting fruit and other unsightly items. Gardeners **must not plant** sunflowers, corn, and other excessively large plants (defined as over 6 foot). Rodents and raccoons love seeds and corn and cause problems for all!
2. After use garden tools must be properly cleaned prior to returning to garden shed. Replacement of tools will be at the discretion of the director.
3. Inspections by the garden director will be completed monthly. Garden owners with overgrown weeds, rotting fruit, or excessive overgrowth or other unsightly items will receive written notice and have 2 weeks to clean their garden. In the event the individual does not respond or refuses to respond they will risk losing the garden plot the following year. This will be determined by the director with written notice of revoked garden privileges sent to the individual. (See written notice form A below)
4. Garden vines and other waste must be removed and placed neatly in bags for disposal. Bags must be placed between the garden sheds on North end of Building #5.

Season Clean-up

At the end of the season (late September or October) a notice will be posted on the garden shed concerning garden clean up. All individuals who have a garden-plot will be expected to clean their plots and remove annual vegetation.

Gardeners who have been assigned extra plots must also clear them back to bare ground. Individuals who do not clean their plot in the fall will be assessed \$25 and will forfeit their garden plot the following year. The collected funds will be used for garden maintenance and replacement fees. Cages must be neatly laid down in the respective garden.

Maplewood Village Garden Committee – Form A

The Maplewood Garden Committee

Written Notice

On _____ a garden inspection was completed.

Your garden area # _____ was found to be non-compliant concerning the rules outlined for garden use at Maplewood Village. The following has been noted:

_____ Rotting Fruit

_____ Excessive overgrowth of foliage and plants

Other: _____

Details/Comments:

Please be aware that you have two (2) weeks to clean up your areas, i.e., by

_____.

The gardens of Maplewood Village are a privilege to be enjoyed by all. Your cooperation in cleaning your area is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the Garden Committee.

Thank you,

The Maplewood Village Garden Director on behalf of the Association Board