

**LONGWOOD VICTORY GARDEN - Bartlett Pond Park, Rt 25, Middle Island, NY**

**Community Garden Bed Adoption Agreement and Gardening Guidelines**

*There are currently 15 garden beds: twelve are 4 x 12 feet @\$40 apiece and three are 3 x 9 feet @\$25.00 apiece. Beds are assigned on a first come (aka first paid), first served basis. Returning gardeners may continue using their beds after renewing annual agreements. A lottery system may be necessary and a wait list will be maintained.*

- I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully and in a neighborly manner.
- I will re-apply for my bed each year and pay the annual adoption fee as outlined above to help cover garden expenses.
- I will have something planted in my bed by June 1st and keep it planted until at least October 1st.
- If I must abandon my bed for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership. There are no refunds.
- I will keep bed weeds at a minimum and similarly maintain the areas immediately surrounding my bed.
- If my bed is unkempt, I will be given a week’s notice to clean it up. After that, it may be re-assigned.
- I will keep trash and litter out of my bed and out of adjacent pathways and fence lines.
- I will participate in spring wake-up and fall clean-up events at Longwood Victory Garden (LVG).
- I will not plant any illegal plants, perennial plants or invasive plants.
- I will not plant tall crops where they will shade neighboring crops.
- I will place trellises, etc., so as not to cast unwanted shade and make sure they are sturdy and secure.
- I will only garden during daylight hours. I will not decorate or deface the wooden bed frame.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another bed user.
- I will use only organic fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents and apply them carefully so they will not affect other beds. These items cannot be stored anywhere on the premises of Bartlett Pond Park (BPP).
- I agree to volunteer at least 12 hours annually toward LVG at BPP in addition to tending my own bed.
- I understand that I cannot sell for profit any of the plants grown at BPP or sell anything else there.
- I will carry out all items or trash I carry into the garden. I will abide by the composting guidelines as they are established.
- I will not bring pets to the garden and will follow all other Town of Brookhaven Parks Department Rules.
- I will not smoke or chew tobacco in the garden. Tobacco can transmit a lethal tomato virus and cigarette butts are toxic.
- I will not consume alcohol or use illegal drugs on the premises; I will not bring weapons into the garden.
- I will keep storage areas tidy, use water resources judiciously and lock the gates after gardening. Communal items will be labeled “LVG.” All other items should only be used with permission of the items’ owner.
- I will report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to garden leaders, police and town officials.
- Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms and conditions stated herein. Participation by children is encouraged, but I must supervise my children at all times both in the garden and in the park. I am solely responsible for my guests’ conduct.
- I will not share any garden gate lock combinations with any person not affiliated with LVG .
- I certify that I am in good enough health and physical condition to participate in all LVG activities and bed upkeep.
- I understand that Longwood Victory Garden, The Longwood Alliance and the Town of Brookhaven are NOT responsible for my actions or those of any other gardener or park visitor. **I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS LONGWOOD VICTORY GARDEN, THE LONGWOOD ALLIANCE AND THE TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME, MY FAMILY OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Paid Amt & Method \_\_\_\_\_ Received By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Bed Assigned \_\_\_\_\_