

Lachat Community Garden

Garden Information

Eligibility

All Weston residents are welcome to apply for a garden plot.

Plot Sizes & Fees

- 4 x 20 foot raised bed \$110 plus a \$ 60 refundable deposit
- 3 x 20 foot raised bed \$ 80 plus a \$ 50 refundable deposit
- 4 x 12 foot raised bed \$ 70 plus a \$ 40 refundable deposit
- 3 x 12 foot raised bed \$ 50 plus a \$ 30 refundable deposit
- 4 x 7 foot raised bed \$ 40 plus a \$ 20 refundable deposit

If you are renewing your contract, your original deposit will transfer to the new season. If you would like to change to a different plot size, we will do our best to accommodate your request depending on availability. Please contact the Lachat Town Farm Community Garden Coordinator with your request.

Payment

All payments for garden plots should be made online on the Lachat Town Farm website: lachattownfarm.org/community-garden.php. To guarantee your plot rental for the season payment must be made by **March 15** or your plot assignment may be forfeited. If you cannot pay online contact the Lachat Town Farm Garden Coordinator to make other arrangements for payment. Those with financial hardship, please speak to the Garden Coordinator about reduced fees or waivers or contact Weston Human Services directly.

Please note: you must be pre-approved **each** season by the Lachat Town Farm Community Garden Coordinator before you can complete online payment for your plot. Approval will be granted after you have signed up and committed to the mandatory four hours of volunteer service to the farm.

Deposit Refund

Withdrawing gardeners may have their deposit returned to them if they notify the Lachat Town Farm Community Garden Coordinator of their plans to leave the garden. To receive the refund all beds must be left weed free, be mulched with shredded leaves or straw, and all structures, ornaments, objects and perennial plants must be removed from their plot. Garden beds cannot be passed on to family, friends, or other acquaintances.

Raised Beds

Raised beds are provided to all gardeners. Trellises and other plant supports may be used in the raised beds – however use of pressure-treated wood for garden supports is strictly prohibited. No items may be left outside of your raised bed.

Garden Season

We encourage multi-season gardening (think, garlic and winter greens). The garden is open year-round, but water is only available May-November.

Water

Water for the garden is available from approximately May 1 through November 15. When using the Community Garden watering hoses we ask that you return the hose head to the faucet when done and turn the water off at the faucet and open the nozzle to empty the hose for the next gardener. Please straighten any kinks in the hose. Limit use of hose to 15 minutes if there are others waiting for the hose.

Guests, Children and Animals

Members may bring guests into the garden as long as they are accompanied by a member at all times. Kids love gardening – but please make sure they are properly supervised and do not dig or play in your neighbor's garden bed while enjoying the garden! Dogs, with the exception of Service Animals, are strictly prohibited in the Community Garden.

Lachat Property

All tools (shovels, trowels, etc.) that are the property of the Lachat Community Garden are to be returned when not in use, and are not to be removed from the farm. We are not responsible for gardeners' personal property.

Community Garden Contacts

Main Garden & Maintenance:	Dave Muller, Garden Manager communitygarden@lachattownfarm.org
Payments & Volunteer Hours:	Gayle Clayton, Garden Coordinator communitygarden@lachattownfarm.org
Financial Assistance:	Allison Lisbon Weston Human Services
Lachat Garden Page:	lachattownfarm.org/community-gardener.php
Garden Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/groups/909131315896388