

Cambridge Garden Share - Code of Practice

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This agreement aims to facilitate clarity of purpose in the relationships between garden owners and volunteer gardeners.

1 Volunteer Gardeners agree to

1. Share produce with the garden owner and /or carry out garden – tasks around the rest of the garden in return for use of land. Produce amounts and tasks, if applicable, to be negotiated between partners.
2. Respect the garden owner's right to privacy by sticking to agreed garden access times, and not inviting friends or helpers into the garden without prior agreement with the garden owner.
3. Respect the property of the garden owner by proper use, care and return of any tools and equipment borrowed.
4. Consult with the garden owner before taking any actions likely to alter the appearance and layout of the garden outside of the designated vegetable growing area(s) eg - introducing semi-permanent structures such as poly-tunnels, creating new vegetable beds, installing water butts etc.
5. Leave the garden in a reasonable state and appearance at all times.
6. Give a minimum of 1 month's notice if they wish to terminate the arrangement, and arrange at the outset what will happen to produce not harvested before termination of the arrangement.
7. Accept that the land belongs to the owner and therefore should the arrangement be terminated then the volunteer will, within reason, remove any structures they have added. The volunteer accepts that the work they have done contributes positively to the environment.
8. Accept that the garden owner is not liable for loss, damage or theft of such tools or equipment owned by the volunteer that is stored on site.

2. Garden Owners agree to

1. Accept a fair share of produce from their garden – amounts to be negotiated between partners.
2. Allow reasonable access to the garden for the Volunteer Gardener.

3. Allow reasonable access to water, either via a tap or water butts.
4. Allow the Volunteer Gardener the freedom to garden as they wish, including decisions about use of chemicals and pesticides, choice of crops, etc. If either party wishes to follow organic principles, then this should be agreed at the start of the arrangement.
5. Allow the Volunteer access to a lockable tool store where transporting equipment to and from the garden is difficult or not possible so that the volunteer can store their own equipment. Alternatively, the Garden Owner agrees to lend the volunteer tools or equipment.
6. Accept that the Volunteer is not liable for accidental damage to tools or equipment lent by the Garden Owner.
7. Give a minimum of 1 month's notice if they wish to terminate the arrangement, and arrange at the outset what will happen to produce not harvested before termination of the arrangement.
8. Not expect a 'free gardening service'.