

Northborough Recreation
63 Main Street, Northborough, MA
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Community Gardens Application Form

The Northborough Community Garden will open for its 16th year in 2026. The Garden was funded through the Metro West grant and we are really excited about this new venture.

There are many benefits to having a community garden. Here are just a few:

- Provide a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulate social interaction
- Encourage self-reliance
- Beautify neighborhoods
- Produce nutritious food
- Reduce family food budgets
- Conserve resources
- Create opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
- Reduce crime
- Preserve green space
- Create income opportunities and economic development
- Reduce city heat from streets and parking lots
- Provide opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections

Currently there are 40 garden plots located on Valentine Road. To meet the anticipated demand for the plots, they will be issued by lottery. Those who had plots last year can keep the same one if they pass in this application. All lots that are open will be put in a lottery for new applicants. Interested parties should complete the application form attached and mail it or email to the Recreation Department no later than February 18, 2026.

Please mail your application to:

Recreation Department, 63 Main St. Northborough, Ma 01532

On February 19, we will choose applications at random and issue the garden plots to the families/organizations chosen.

You must be a Northborough Resident or Northborough affiliated organization to apply. Please call the Recreation Department at 508-393-5034 if you have any questions.

Application for Community Gardens

Name: _____

Address: _____, Northborough, MA 01532

Telephone number: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Email: _____

Site Location: Valentine Rd, Northborough MA 01532

Size of plot: 6 feet by 12 feet

Season: March 15 – November 1

Northborough Community Gardens Guidelines and Rules

- I will pay a fee of \$30 to help cover garden expenses.
- I will have my garden planted by May 1st and keep it planted all summer long.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Recreation Dept.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given one week's notice to clean it up. After that time, it will be re-assigned or tilled in if necessary.
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will participate in the fall cleanup of the garden.
- I will plant tall crops only where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- I will not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots.
- I will not bring pets to the garden.
- I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.
- I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Signature _____ Date: _____