



Town of Lexington

Land Use, Health and Development

Conservation Division

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DEAR COMMUNITY GARDENER,

Welcome to the 2023 Community Gardening Season! This year, Lexington continues to offer community garden plots for growing organic vegetables and/or flowers at Idylwilde Conservation Area off of Middle Street. Please see the attached form for information on how to renew your plot. **The request deadline for returning gardeners is Tuesday, March 14, 2023.**

New gardeners at Idylwilde will be chosen through a randomized lottery on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Anyone interested in a plot for the 2023 season will need to fill out the request on the website prior to that date. If you have friends or family interested in becoming a new gardener at Idylwilde, please refer them to the town's community garden website: <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/186/Community-Garden>

Garden Guidelines

Please note the Conservation Commission has a set of garden policies to govern the use of the gardens. A copy is included with this letter. Please carefully read these policies (updated February 2022) before signing up for a garden plot and check-off that you have done so on the Garden 2023 Registration Sign up form.

Under-used Plots

If you only used your plot minimally last year, please carefully consider when signing up whether you plan on using it consistently this year. Under-used plots create problems for neighbors, such as weed seeds and the potential for animals to nest in weedy plots. Unused or minimally used plots may be reassigned.

Garden Maintenance and Clean-up

Your garden coordinators will communicate with you throughout the season to organize communal cleanup and maintenance work.

Community Service Opportunities: Work in the gardens can be applied to fulfill high school or other required community services hours. Student/family work is highly encouraged and needed during every month of the season. Garden leaders can work with small groups of students on maintenance or improvement projects. Please contact your garden coordinator for ideas.

Additional Information about the Idylwilde Garden

Your garden coordinators are Julia Sedykh, julia@sedykh.com, 617-281-5591 and Vivek Joshi, vivekjoshi@yahoo.com, 781-799-3628. The fee for plots is \$50 per 20' x 20' plot and \$25 per 20' x 10' half plot. Please note – plots will not be plowed or tilled by Conservation staff and the perennial strip has been removed. There is a walk behind tiller available for gardeners' use, if you wish to till your plot. Please be sure to read the updated policies regarding structures at the Community Garden.

Your garden coordinator will contact you regarding your plot assignment and will communicate with you throughout the gardening season with garden updates. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the season, you may contact your garden coordinators or use the "Contact Us" form on the garden website.

Thank you!