

The Town of Tioga (TOT) Community Garden-Higby Street (CG) is operated and monitored by the TOT or its designees. The following is a list of rules and guidelines which are intended to ensure the safety of all participants and visitors, as well as the continued viability of the garden itself. The list reads as follows:

1. Participants should be Town of Tioga resident
2. All individuals interested in plot usage must sign the TOT Community Garden Rental Agreement prior to tending a plot.
3. Your assigned plot will be detailed on the CG plot map.
4. Each participant will be given 1 plot, initially. If extra plots are available, participants may request another.
5. You will be given access to the CG from dawn to dusk, seven days a week. Only CG participants and their friends and/or relatives may enter the CG grounds, as well as TOT authorized personnel. Children under 14 must be supervised at all times.
6. Gardeners may provide their own tools, however there will be community tools available.
7. All community tools need to be returned to the community shed. Please be considerate that someone else might be waiting to use the community tool you are using.
8. Plots will be raised beds.
9. Past Gardeners, while having to reapply each year, will be given 1<sup>st</sup> consideration reference the assignment of the beds. Every attempt will be made to give past gardeners the same bed from previous years.
10. Once all viable crops are harvested, the plot is to be raked and left in a condition which will not detract from the appearance of the CG as a whole.
11. Gardeners must begin the use of their garden by the first day of June. Everything (which includes supplies and tools), with the exception of viable crops must be removed from the CG by the end of October.
12. Plots and pathways must not become overrun with weeds or filled with trash.
13. CG participants are NOT to utilize persistent (chemicals which take a long time to break down) or toxic chemicals. The use of non-persistent, non-toxic chemicals may be used prudently and care must be taken to not contaminate neighboring plots. Herbicides are NOT allowed for use in the CG.
14. Pets are not allowed in the garden. This, however, does not apply to service animals.
15. Available water must be used prudently.
16. No permanent structures are permitted in the CG, e.g., concrete, bricks and mortar.
17. Alcohol and any illegal substances are strictly prohibited.
18. Threatening, abusive, or other types of inappropriate behaviors will not be tolerated.
19. Violations of any of the aforementioned rules may result in the loss of gardening rights.

- A. I have read and understand the rules detailed in the above and agree to abide by them.
- B. I assume all risks to which I may be exposed to while participating in gardening activities on the property of the Town of Tioga.
- C. I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Town of Tioga and its officers and employees from any and all claims, demands, actions, liabilities, caused of action, injuries, damages and costs of any nature or character (including those attributable to the negligence, mistake or failure to act of either Town of Tioga or its officers or employees) in any way related to, or arising out of, my participation in said gardening activities.
- D. I have entered into this agreement voluntarily and fully understand and agree to abide by all of its terms.

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Signature

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Date