

Wales Park Community Garden, 2024 Season

The Wales Park Community Garden (WPCG) is located at the corner of Lincolnville Avenue and Main Street in Belfast. There are standard garden plots, which each measure 4 ft. x 16 ft., and two accessible raised-bed garden plots, each measuring 3 ft. x 8 ft. and table height. A lottery will be held for any Belfast resident who applies and wins the opportunity to rent one. The lottery will be held on February 15, 2024. *Individuals requiring an accessible raised-bed garden plot should indicate this on their application.* A waiting list will be drawn from the remaining applicants.

Applications: You may pick up an application at Belfast City Hall or the Belfast Parks & Recreation website. Please mail your application to Dave Ilett, WPCG Steering Committee, 25 Congress St, Belfast ME 04915. It must be postmarked by January 31, 2024, to be included in the drawing. If you would like to email your application, please send a filled-in PDF version of your application to daveilett@me.com by January 31, 2024.

Lottery: The lottery will be held on February 15, 2024, by pulling applicants' names from a hat. All applicants' names will be drawn to establish a waiting list for the garden plots.

Registration: If your name is drawn, you will be advised via email, phone call, and/or text and informed of your plot number. You will be asked to pay a non-refundable rental of \$25 by March 1, 2024. **If you are able, please consider a payment of up to \$40.** * Checks should be made payable to **City of Belfast - Community Garden with Wales Park Community Garden** in the memo field, and sent to Nat Clifford, WPCG, 63 Church St, Belfast, ME 04915. Funds are available for those individuals who may need financial assistance. Individuals on the waiting list will also be notified.

Deadline to garden in your plot: If the plot assigned to you has not been prepared and planted by June 15, 2024, it will be reassigned to another gardener from the waiting list.

COVID-19: COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions at WPCG will continue to be evaluated based on adherence to CDC and State of Maine recommendations as they evolve.

General questions about the application and registration process? Please contact Dave Ilett at 978-493-2842 (cell) or email daveilett@me.com.

***Donations** to support WPCG are gladly accepted. Please state the donation amount in the memo line of your check. All donations will be acknowledged and are tax deductible.

Wales Park Community Garden 2024 Application

The lottery for a garden plot at Wales Park will be held on February 15, 2024. If your name is drawn, you will be notified by phone or email by **February 21, 2024** and given your plot assignment. You will be asked to register and pay a rental fee (on a sliding scale of \$25 to \$40) by **March 1st**. If an individual decides against using their assigned plot, it will be given to the first person on the waiting list. **Receiving a plot in 2024 does not automatically guarantee the gardener a plot for the following year.**

Applicant Name:

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| Last | First | Organization (if applicable) |
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Address:

Belfast, Maine 04915

Street

Contact information:

Phone number (cell and/or home)

Email address (please print clearly)

If you represent an organization, how do you plan to use your produce? _____

Please check here if you have a medical need requiring an accessible raised-bed garden plot.

Please check here if you need financial assistance to rent a garden plot.

By my signature, I acknowledge I have read and understood the Use Agreement (reverse side) regarding conditions of membership in WPCG.

Signature

Date

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or

Fill out this editable PDF and email to daveilett@me.com no later than January 31st.

Thank you and good luck!

Wales Park Community Garden (WPCG) Use Agreement

- I will follow all COVID-related safety practices for gardening at WPCG (to be posted).
- I will not come to the garden if I am sick or know that I have been exposed to COVID-19.
- I understand I am responsible for my garden plot.
- Per Maine law, I will not apply any pesticides. (A pesticide is any substance or mixture (even homemade mixtures) that is applied to mitigate or kill pests. A pest is a pathogen (disease), weed, insect, or animal you don't want to be there.)
- I will not modify size/dimensions of my assigned plot. Plot size is approximately 4 ft. x 16 ft.
- I understand I am responsible for preparing my plot for gardening.
- I will use seed-free mulch to conserve water and reduce weeds.
- I will harvest vegetables in a timely manner.
- I will not grow illegal plants, invasive plants, or perennials.
- I agree that if I am away for an extended period, I will make arrangements with someone to care for my plot.
- I will notify WPCG if I am unable to harvest or care for my plot.
- I will not shade neighboring plot(s).
- I will not harvest from other plots without permission.
- I agree that if I receive a notice that my plot is unkempt or weedy, I will address and resolve the issue within 10 days, or my plot will be reassigned.
- I will prepare my plot for winter by November 1, including removal of diseased plants to discourage the spread of plant diseases and pests.
- I will place dead plant material in the designated areas or containers.
- I will pick up any litter in my plot and adjacent area, and deposit it in trash receptacles.
- I understand plots are non-transferable.
- I understand individual fencing cannot extend beyond plot borders into pathways. Colored plastic fencing is not allowed.
- I will water my plot according to water-wise guidelines, which will be posted at WPCG.
- I will mark my tools clearly and not use other's tools without permission. WPCG is not responsible for any lost or missing tools.
- I will not take community tools or garden materials out of the garden for personal use.
- I will care for and respect community tools by cleaning and returning them to the designated community storage area. I will turn wheelbarrows upside down to prevent water from pooling.
- I agree to volunteer eight hours during the season. Opportunities to volunteer will be communicated by the WPCG Steering Committee.
- I will not obstruct walkways with fencing, unwound hoses, and plants, including vines.
- I will not share the combination of the shed's lock.
- I will keep pets outside of the garden area and leashed as per Belfast City Ordinance.
- I will closely supervise/be responsible for guests and/or children I bring to WPCG.
- I understand I cannot use my plot for commercial activity.
- There is no smoking in the community garden.