

Wales Park Community Garden

2026 Season

The **Wales Park Community Garden (WPCG)** is located at the corner of Lincolnville Avenue and Main Street in Belfast, Maine. 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 20, 2026**. 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, download one on at: <https://www.cityofbelfast.org> or request one from cynthiajabargarden@gmail.com.

Please **mail** your application to **Cynthia Jabar, WPCG, 105 B Main St, Belfast ME 04915**.

It must be postmarked by **FEBRUARY 13, 2026**, 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 cynthiajabargarden@gmail.com by **FEBRUARY 15, 2026**.

Lottery: The lottery will be held on **February 20, 2026**, 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 or text and informed of your plot number by february 22. You will be asked to pay a non-refundable rental fee of \$25 by **March 10, 2026**. 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. Mail 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, 2026**, it will be reassigned to another gardener from the waiting list.

General questions about the application and registration process?

Please contact Cynthia: text: 917-889-5988 or cynthiajabargarden@gmail.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, Use Agreement 2026

- * I agree to volunteer eight hours during the season.
- * Opportunities to volunteer will be communicated by the WPCG Steering Committee.
- * 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 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.