



Nahant Community Garden

Gardener Guidelines & Best Practices | 2026

Welcome to the Nahant Community Garden!

We're so glad you're here. This space is a collaborative, welcoming place where Nahant residents grow fresh, healthy produce together — and help foster a stronger, greener community.

The garden is managed by a **volunteer Community Garden Coordinator**, who helps assign plots, coordinate activities, and serves as a liaison for gardeners, the DPW, and the town.

Have questions or ideas? Please reach out!

2026 Garden Coordinator

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NOTE From April 26 - May 25 Sue Green will be acting coordinator.
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Plot Assignments & Requirements

- Garden plots are available to **Nahant residents**.
- Returning gardeners can begin requesting plots on **February 2**.
- New gardeners may request plots beginning **March 2**.
- Priority is given to:
 1. Returning gardeners from the prior year
 2. First-time gardeners

If any plots are still open after **June 1**, they'll be assigned to interested gardeners via random drawing.
Just email the coordinator to be added to the list.

Note: To allow for new gardeners, the plots acquired through the drawing are temporary and not guaranteed the following year.

Garden Plot Fee

- The annual **non-refundable fee** is **\$20 per plot**.
 - Please pay by **check or money order only** (no cash), made out to the Town **of Nahant**.
 - Send payment to the **Nahant Library**, and be sure to write "Community Garden" and your assigned plot number on the check.
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Getting Started

- We suggest that plots be **weeded and planted by June 12**.
 - If a plot hasn't been planted or maintained by that date, it may be reassigned.
 - Please **only garden the plot assigned to you** — unless you have permission from another gardener.
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Community Participation

If you're interested, there are lots of ways to help — from weeding the garden perimeter to maintaining paths or helping with garden planning.

Staying in the Loop

All garden communications — including updates, volunteer requests, and meeting invites — are sent via **email**.

Please direct any garden-related questions to the gardener group list or the coordinator.

Planting Guidelines

To keep our garden safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly:

- **Only organic** practices are allowed — no synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides.
 - You're welcome to plant **perennials**, but please remember that plots aren't permanently assigned.
 - Please **don't plant in others' plots** unless you've received permission.
 - Mint has begun to take over the garden. If you need mint, please pick from plot perimeters rather than adding new plants. There is plenty for everyone in the state of Massachusetts.
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Garden Maintenance

Help keep the garden thriving and welcoming for all by:

- Regularly weeding, thinning, and harvesting your plot.
 - Keeping the paths around your plot clear of weeds and debris.
 - Placing **trash in litter barrels** and **organic waste in the compost**.
 - **Never remove garden tools** from the site without permission.
 - Locking up the **tool shed** when you're the last to leave.
 - Closing the **garden gate** behind you when you leave.
 - Turning off the **water spigot after use**, then draining hoses to protect from cracks.
 - Please don't dispose of weeds or trash in the wooded area behind the garden.
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Garden Shed Info

We share our shed with the Johnson School. Here's how to know what's what:

- **Left side:** Community Garden tools
- **Right side:** Johnson School tools (except items in shared buckets)

Tool buckets:

- Items with **orange tape** = Community Garden
- Items with **yellow/blue tape** = Johnson School

Want to access the shed? Just email the coordinator for the lock code.

Community Garden tools include:

- Garden cultivator
- 1 knee pad
- 3 Ryobi batteries
- Orange tape
- Lawnmower
- Weed whacker
- Narrow nose shovel
- 6" plastic fork
- Bulb hound
- Staple gun
- And more!

Please don't store personal gardening items in the shed, it is a small space.

Composting

We have a compost area just **south of the garden**, inside the cinderblock space.

Please compost:

- Weeds
- Dead plants
- Other **natural garden waste**

Do NOT compost:

- Plastic plant tags or any other plastic
- Wire ties
- Trash
- Any food remnants not grown in the garden

Those items should go in the trash can outside of the gate.

The DPW helps manage compost removal — let's keep this system working smoothly!

Thanks for being part of the Nahant Community Garden! 🌻

For any questions, ideas, or to get more involved, don't hesitate to reach out to:

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