

Monadnock View
**COMMUNITY
GARDENS**



**Same Roots. New Ground.
Growing Together.**

MVCG 2026: Same Roots. New Ground. Growing Together.

GARDENING AGREEMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES

We are excited to have you as part of our gardening community!

In order to maintain a thriving, cooperative, and sustainable garden space, all participating parties must adhere to the following guidelines and responsibilities.

GARDENER:

- Respects the plot/bed application and assignment process.
- Begins gardening once plot(s)/bed rental payment is confirmed and after KPRD officially opens the space for gardening.
- Maintains own rented plot/bed (weeding, planting, harvesting, season-end cleanup).
- Cares for and is responsible for individual and shared equipment (tools, hoses, etc).
- Waters garden(s) when physically present - including use of soaker hoses; shuts water off and disconnects hose when leaving the community space.
- Refrains from installing semi-/permanent structures (cinder blocks, patio/play furniture) - *exception*: temporary fencing within boundaries of rented plot (animal deterrent).
- Plants perennials solely in the available pollinator garden space, not individual plots; overwintering crops are permitted in no-till sections (additional fee) - no fruit trees, berry bushes, or creeping vines are allowed.
- Understands that a fee of up to \$100 may be assessed if plot is not cleaned prior to staff winterization of the space.
- Parks motorized vehicles in provided parking area (refrains from driving to plot/bed).
- Agrees to comply with direction from Keene Parks & Recreation to ensure use/access.
- Reports misuse of surroundings to kprinfo@keenenh.gov (written documentation).

CITY/KPRD:

- Collects gardener information and related garden plot/bed rental fees.
- Assigns and tracks garden plot/bed rental assignments each season.
- Provides water/water access for the community space.
- Prepares, mows, and winterizes garden spaces.

NO PESTICIDES

(NH Dept of Environmental Services & NH Dept of Agriculture, Markets, Food)

NO ALCOHOL

(City Ordinance Chapter 6-27)

NO DOGS

(City Ordinance Chapter 22 - Cemetery location of gardens)

The City of Keene / Parks & Recreation will not be liable for lost or damaged crops/garden plot contents.

Welcome to the City of Keene Community Gardens located at Monadnock View Cemetery on Park Avenue in Keene.

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PLOT AVAILABILITY

Full Size Plots: 60
(20x20 = 400 square feet each)

Kitchen Plots: 26
(10x10 = 100 square feet each)

Raised Beds: 8
(10x4 = 40 square feet each)

- Gardeners are limited to a maximum of two (2) plots for the inaugural growing season. Two-plot rentals will consist of side-by-side plots joined horizontally.
- 4 full size plots are reserved for the Giving Garden (labeled GG 1-4); free for the community to garden and give to local food security resources.
- Raised beds are prioritized for gardeners with mobility needs. Raised bed rentals are limited to one (1) per gardener.
- No-Till Section highlighted in green (full plots 33-60; kitchen plots K1-K14)

FEE STRUCTURE

May-October Growing Season

Full Size Plot: \$50

Kitchen Plot: \$25

Raised Bed: \$40

Overwintering October-May

\$25 per plot/bed

Financial assistance may be available for eligible participants.
Please contact KPRD for more information.

PAYMENT SPECIFICS

- Gardeners will apply to be part of the Monadnock View Community Gardens.
- An invoice will be generated upon application approval; invoices must be paid prior to gardening.
- Payments can be made with cash, check (payable to the City of Keene), or credit/debit card.

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MVCG 2026 Gardener Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Have you gardened with the City of Keene prior to the 2026 growing season? YES / NO

Do you have mobility needs requiring a raised bed this growing season? YES / NO

Are you interested in having a Master Gardener mentor this season? YES / NO

Which type of rental garden plot are you requesting? TILL / NO-TILL

Number of plots requested: _____ 20x20 Full Plot (\$50 ea)

_____ 10x10 Kitchen Plot (\$25 ea)

_____ 4x10 Raised Bed (\$40 ea)

MVCG Raised Beds are prioritized for gardeners with mobility needs

Overwinter request: _____ \$25 per garden plot/bed

Planned Payment Method: _____ Cash _____ Check (to City of Keene) _____ Card

By signing below you attest that you have read, understand, and agree to the gardening agreement and responsibilities of the Monadnock View Community Gardens (MVCG). This agreement includes adherence to all state and local laws.

In the event of a natural disaster or other unforeseen circumstance beyond reasonable foresight or control, gardeners agree to abide by any site closures and/or additional guidelines provided by the MVCG program.

Should the undersigned gardener not abide by this agreement, the City of Keene Parks & Recreation Department has permission to revoke the rights inherent to the gardeners rented plot(s) for the current growing season and potential future seasons.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

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KPRD Office Approval: _____ Date: _____

Plot(s) / Bed Assignment: _____ Overwinter: YES / NO