

MIT Community Garden Project

1. Only one plot per MIT Staff or Faculty member.
2. Plots will be assigned by way of a lottery. An MIT certificate is needed to enter lottery. The space is allotted for three gardening seasons. A typical gardening season runs from Late Spring to Late October.
3. Forfeiture of the garden plot could occur for any of the following reasons:
 - Non-compliance with gardening policies.
 - Voluntary or involuntary departure from MIT.
4. Lottery System: This process will be announced in an MIT news article and will run for a specified number of days. Those wishing to enter must have an MIT Certificate. Only the person who was awarded the plot by way of the lottery can utilize the space. All applications will be randomly selected via computer. The lottery will be for the privilege of gardening on a small tract of land adjacent to the Albany Garage. If you are selected and decide not to keep the plot, you must notify the organizers and the plot will be awarded to the next person on the wait list. You cannot “give,” “promise,” or “assign” a plot to another person.
5. Participants of the MIT Community Gardens Project are expected to donate 2% of vegetables, herbs or flowers grown to a designated food assistance program. The location for donations will be announced when the growing season begins.
6. Gardeners are responsible for keeping a neat and clean garden. Only black, brown or green stakes are allowed to remain at the site. No plastic bottles or other scraps of material can be left on the ground site.
 - No harsh chemicals, including pesticides, herbicides or fungicides, can be used. Only insecticidal soap or “approved for organic use” is allowed, following manufacturer’s instructions.
 - Fertilizers must be used in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations.
 - Spills of any nature must be contained and remediated by the gardeners.
 - Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their own watering schedule.
 - Plots will be clearly marked with the plot user’s name.
 - *Gardeners must participate in established community project days. Community work days or group hours include general pre-season preparations; mid-season and post-season clean ups, which may include spreading mulch, weeding, and other general tasks.
7. All gardens must be cleaned and cleared at the end of the growing season by a date that will be announced in advance. Stakes may be left lying down in the plots but all other materials must be removed. A community composting bin will be available.

8. Garden coordinator. A meeting of all MIT Community Gardeners will be held in early May. The meeting will have a few goals: to meet each other and see the common bond that you hold, gardening; to review all guidelines for gardening; as an educational component to discuss gardening with experienced gardeners; to appoint a garden coordinator. Role of the coordinator will be to:
 - Ensure all gardens are kept neat.
 - Ensure adherence to maintenance rules.
 - Notify the plot owner if there is a violation of rules; the gardener has one week to correct the violation.
 - To maintain a plot temporarily if for some reason a gardener becomes ill or has a personal emergency and that gardener has notified the coordinator.
9. Gardening operational hours are: Sun–Sat, 6:30am–7:30pm. Gardeners must have valid MIT ID while on site.
10. Gardeners must not alter or modify MIT owned equipment, fixtures or land, except as approved by the Community Gardens Board. Gardeners will be held responsible for damage they cause to MIT owned or operated property.
11. No alcohol can be consumed while gardening. No grills or cookouts at the site.
12. No produce or flowers can be sold. They can only be donated to the designated food assistance program.
13. Sometime in early August we host a tomato-tasting contest. The judges for this contest will be all the wonderful people who made this project happen!
14. MIT and the project organizers are not responsible, under any circumstances, for gardens that are damaged as a result of negligence, acts of God or vandalism. MIT and the project organizers are not responsible, under any circumstances, for the personal property of gardeners that may be lost, stolen or damaged.
15. Each growing season, a modest fee of \$10 or \$20, depending on the plot size, will be assessed to cover community garden shared expenses.