

Welcome to the Franklin Community Garden!

Please contact the Recreation Department in the next week or so by phone or in person to pay the \$40 per year lease fee. The Rec Department is located on 275 Beaver Street next to Franklin Glass.

<http://www.franklinma.gov/recreation-department>

The Recreation Department handles the financial end, the renewals and new assignments. If the yearly lease fee poses a financial hardship, please know that the Rec Department has a program assistance fund application and this applies to the community garden as well as sports.

<http://www.franklinma.gov/recreation-department/pages/program-assistance-fund>

This Community garden is ORGANIC. You may not use any conventional fertilizers (no Miracle Gro) nor any non-organic pesticides.

Please review the organic guidelines and garden rules, links are below:

King Street Community Garden Map

link: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KLpgh6Bt18\\_qC5PBGNsSoWR9IW8c9ZADyz3fpdtiDaw/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KLpgh6Bt18_qC5PBGNsSoWR9IW8c9ZADyz3fpdtiDaw/edit?usp=sharing)

Rules and regulations link: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1enGYYXMDX5v7wUcFF-oZOT\\_hpuAilStd/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105272133774583699999&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1enGYYXMDX5v7wUcFF-oZOT_hpuAilStd/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105272133774583699999&rtpof=true&sd=true)

Organic guidelines/garden

handbook: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ekfLq\\_5ygZA3gikNdS0ElSuciHLBSYdxITiJ2jWYDrU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ekfLq_5ygZA3gikNdS0ElSuciHLBSYdxITiJ2jWYDrU/edit?usp=sharing)

You can start working on your bed right away. It may have weeds in it from last year that need to be cleared. Put any weedy debris in the designated compost bin. Any posts and cages are behind the shed for anyone to use. There are also tools and miscellaneous reusable odds and ends in the shed for the gardeners to use. You can plant peas starting on St. Patrick's Day, and onions, lettuce, kale, beets, radishes, and spinach as soon as the soil warms up. These plants don't mind the cold. Just wait until late May to plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, basil, and summer squash as frost will kill those.

If you have questions, please write an email to: [Franklinrecreation@franklinma.gov](mailto:Franklinrecreation@franklinma.gov) and you will receive an answer as soon as possible. If you need a quicker response, call Ryan's cell at 508-400-4099.

Additional information:

Please visit the shed! There are shared tools inside as well as vegetable gardening books to consult while visiting the garden.

Garden shed combo is 038 (the last three numbers of Franklin's zip code). Make sure the numbers are lined up well, and pull down.

The water will be turned on later this spring. Please use the water in the rain barrel sparingly until then. We've had a good deal of precip so the soil should be just right.

There will be some amazing local ORGANIC plant sales coming up:

White Barn Farm in Wrentham, [www.whitebarnfarm.org](http://www.whitebarnfarm.org)

Medway Community Farm in Medway, [www.medwaycommunityfarm.org](http://www.medwaycommunityfarm.org)

**Franklin Agway in Franklin, [www.franklinagway.com](http://www.franklinagway.com)**

Tangerini's Farm in Millis

<https://www.tangerinisfarm.com/>

Please be advised that most plants from big box stores and garden centers are conventionally grown and may have been treated with non-organic inputs. Some even carry non-beneficial bugs. Please support your local organic farms and growers if you are buying plants and seedlings!

Welcome to the Franklin Community Garden! May you enjoy a bountiful season this year and always.

Happy Gardening,

The Franklin Recreation Department