

MEMO to: JORDAN GARDENERS

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From the Bedford Conservation Office:

Welcome to the 2026 Jordan Community Gardens program! One of the gardeners, Rob Dobson, will continue as the Gardens Liaison this year and will help with the various issues that arise during the gardening season. Contact Rob at 781-271-0356 or via e-mail at rob_dobson@verizon.net.

Enclosed with this e-mail is a map of the Jordan Gardens layout. Please read over all materials carefully. **You will be signing up through e-mail during office hours; please send an e-mail with a request to renew your plot from last year to the Conservation Office at Conservation@bedfordma.gov. Please include your plot number and acknowledgment of the Jordan Gardens rules and regulations. You will need to MAIL in your \$50.00 payment (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY), made out to the Town of Bedford to:**

Bedford Town Hall
Attention: Conservation
10 Mudge Way
Bedford, MA 01730

Gardeners must send payment to secure their plot. Once payment is received, we will e-mail you confirmation of your assigned plot. Please see the important date information for this year's gardening below.

Garden Fee: The Conservation Commission has set the garden plot fee at \$50.

2025 GARDENERS (Those who paid for a garden plot last year)

- ❖ If you were registered as a gardener in 2025, you may continue to use the same plot by **registering through e-mail**. Please email the Conservation Office at: Conservation@bedfordma.gov with your name, last year's garden plot number and acknowledgment of the Jordan Gardens rules and regulations. **Please mail the \$50 fee by check or money order only**, made out to the Town of Bedford to:

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- ❖ Please provide any **updated information** in your e-mail to include, name changes, address, telephone number, and e-mail address. If you had two plots last year, you may register for either, but not both. The person registering must be last year's gardener of record and this year's principal gardener; the plot is not transferable to anyone else.
- ❖ **Monday, April 6, 2026 to Thursday, April 9, 2026**. Register for your old plot during this period. **Plots that have not been reserved and paid for by April 9, 2026 will be made available to new gardeners.**
- ❖ As legal manager of the Jordan Conservation Area, the Commission has the right to monitor plot use.
- ❖ Registration will be limited to **one plot per residential unit**.

PLOT SWITCHING

- ❖ **Monday April 13, 2026.** Plot switching will be available to 2026 gardeners. Please e-mail the Conservation Office at Conservation@bedfordma.gov to find out which plots are available if you would like to switch. Plots that are available will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

NEW GARDENERS - BEDFORD RESIDENTS ONLY

- ❖ **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 to Thursday, April 16, 2026.** Registration for **new Bedford gardeners.** All new gardeners will be limited to **one plot per residential address.** All new gardeners must register through e-mail. Please e-mail the Conservation Office at Conservation@bedfordma.gov with your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and acknowledgment of the garden rules and regulations. We will contact you to let you know which garden plots are available and will assign them on a first come, first served basis. **Please mail your \$50 fee by check or money order only,** made out to the Town of Bedford to:

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- ❖ The person registering must be the principal gardener; the plot is not transferable to anyone else.

ALL NEW GARDENERS - BEDFORD RESIDENTS OR NOT

- ❖ **Monday, April 20, 2026 to Thursday, April 23, 2026.** Plots that are still available will be assigned on a first come, first served basis to prospective gardeners from Bedford or other communities, under the same provisions as cited above.

SECOND PLOTS

- ❖ **Monday, April 27, 2026.** If any garden plots remain unassigned, any gardener may sign up for **one additional plot** by paying an additional fee of **\$10** to the Conservation Office. Please e-mail Conservation@bedfordma.gov on **Monday, April 27, 2026** to inquire about the availability of an additional plot. This opportunity is limited to one additional plot per residential address. Second plots are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please do not expand into any additional plots or untilled ground until the area has been assigned to you.

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GARDEN PLOT USE LIMITATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Commission has voted to require a \$50.00 fee from each gardener to cover maintenance and landscaping costs.

You may not claim, prepare or use a garden plot until it has been assigned to you by the Conservation Office, and it will not be assigned until you have paid the \$50 fee. You will be e-mailed confirmation of your plot once the office has received your payment.

Please note that square footage of plots is approximate and that plot #18 on the map is unusable.

Perennial plants are not permitted.

All processed materials used for mulch must be biodegradable within one gardening season (April 1 to October 31). The use of plastic, cardboard or carpeting is not permitted. Permanent construction materials, such as cement blocks and lumber, are not permitted in the gardens. The individual gardener is responsible for removing and disposing of all non-biodegradable, non-organic materials by October 31. The Commission will have any unacceptable materials removed, if necessary.

All gardeners will be asked to e-mail a statement that they have received this information and agree to abide by these limitations and requirements, as well as by the procedures and standards.

The success of the garden program is dependent upon these guidelines. Please consider that the Community Garden area is part of the Jordan Conservation Area, and that the Commission is responsible for managing the land in a way consistent with natural resource and neighborhood values. The Commission also wishes to ensure that the management of the gardens is consistent for all gardeners, and that maintenance and clean-up costs are not created by garden practices.

SUMMARY OF DATES

- **Monday, April 6, 2026 to Thursday, April 9, 2026.** Registration for last year's gardeners (2025)
- **Monday April 13, 2026.** Plot Switching for last year's gardeners (2025)
- **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 to Thursday, April 16, 2026.** Registration for new Bedford gardeners
- **Monday, April 20, 2026 to Thursday, April 23, 2026.** Registration for all gardeners
- **Monday, April 27, 2026.** Sign up for second plots if available

*Jordan Community Gardens
Acknowledgment*

When you register for a plot by e-mail, you must state, “I acknowledge that I have received the Memo to Jordan Gardeners, and the accompanying Guidelines for Use and Maintenance. As requested by the Commission, I agree to abide by the guidelines, limitations, and requirements included in these documents.”