



Town of Boscawen Community Garden Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Where is the community garden located?**

It is at the corner of Corn Hill Road and Woodbury Lane. Look for the sign.

2. **What is the size and the cost of the individual plots?**

For a 12' x 12' plot (144 square feet) the cost is \$15.00 per gardening season. Four adjacent plots 24' x 24' (576 square feet) are available for \$45, or one plot free.

3. **Is this an organic garden?**

We are not certified as an organic garden, but the Agricultural Commission requests that all gardeners follow organic practices of the National Organic Program, for information <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>. The Commission does follow organic practices to the fullest extent possible, such as: amending the soil according to recommendations of the Merrimack County Extension Office, and NH Dept. of Agriculture, Markets, and Food. Please only use organic products that have the OMRI or EPA number on the package. Gardeners are **required** to use an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to pest control.

4. **What is Integrated Pest Management? (IPM)**

Alan Eaton, a former UNH Educator stated: "We teach growers to use the carefully combined efforts of preventative/suppressive measures, plus monitoring. When pests are at high enough levels to warrant controls, use any controls that are appropriate; not simply spraying artificial chemicals. We apply this to most any pest situation." Cornell University defines IPM as: "A systematic approach to managing pests which focuses on long-term prevention or suppression with minimal impact on human health, the environment and non-target organisms. IPM incorporates all reasonable measures to **prevent** pest problems by properly identifying pests, monitoring population dynamics, and utilizing cultural, physical, biological, or chemical pest population management methods to reduce pests to acceptable levels."

5. **Can I leave my tools on site?**

No, this is a "carry in, carry out," site, including your tools, your garbage, your personal items, and your recycling materials. The tool kiosk and wheelbarrows are always available. **Please return tools when finished.**

6. **Can I make a small permanent structure on my plot?**

There are to be no permanent structures on site. While you may use trellises and cages for tomatoes, cucumbers, pole beans, and synthetic mulches, **they must be removed at season's end.**

7. **How can I get further information about the Community Garden?**

You can email kgallagher@boscowennh.gov or rashby@boscowennh.gov who will be able to help. Look for us on the town website: <https://www.boscowennh.gov/> or on Facebook.

8. **Are there any volunteer opportunities?**

Certainly! The BCG is operated 100% by volunteers. Let us know your talents or preferences. When are you available? Contact kgallagher@boscowennh.gov or rashby@boscowennh.gov.

9. **How does the irrigation system operate?**

Water is on 24/7. Please locate and know where the water shutoff is. In the event of a leak contact Jeff Abbe. Contact Information is at the kiosk.

We hope you have a most successful gardening season.