

RVACG Weed Policy

As a board, we recognize that keeping the weeds under control is important to the future health and vibrancy of the garden as a community and as a garden.

Weeds for this policy shall be defined as any plant that has not been planted for a specific purpose. Weeds shall not be over 6” per the Village of Spring Green Ordinance 300.6, shall not be allowed to go to seed, and shall not encroach on anyone else’s plot.

Spring Green Village Ordinance 300.3 defines noxious weeds as Canada thistle, leafy spurge, field bindweed (creeping jenny), purple loosestrife, multiflora rose, burdock, common ragweed, great ragweed, garlic mustard, goat's beard, poison ivy, wild parsnip, cocklebur, pigweed, common lambsquarter, curled dock, hemp, and English plantain.

Weed Policy - Garden Plots

Weed mitigation will be enforced by the Board.

- Before each monthly board meeting (and more often in the height of summer), the board will make a complete tour of the gardens, noting which plots are in need of attention, ideally before they are out of control.
- The Board will then contact the gardeners with plots in danger of being overrun with weeds. The Gardener/s will be given **two weeks** to bring the plot back under control. The Board shall ask if the gardener needs help to get the plot back under control.
- If a gardener does not respond or take action in those two weeks, the Board will follow up with a final one week notice (by phone, email, or letter), and may take one or more of the following actions at its discretion:
 1. Mowing down plots that have been completely overtaken by weeds (with little to no produce present).
 2. Consider the plot abandoned for the remainder of the season.
- If a gardener finds themselves falling behind repeatedly or drastically, the Board will discuss with the gardener their options for the following season, including:
 1. Downsizing their plot.
 2. Participating in a pre-season seminar on weed control including a discussion of the policy and how the consequences will be enforced.
 3. Taking a season off.
- If a gardener finds themselves affected by the weeds in a neighboring plot, they should first try to contact their neighbor. If they cannot reach them or cannot come to an understanding, they should contact the Board to take up the matter with the offending gardener.

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Weed Management - Communal Areas

The Board will establish a team of Gardeners and volunteers to maintain the communal areas by mowing and trimming the property as part of their yearly volunteer hours requirement.

Weed Management Seminar

The Board will develop a weed management seminar which will be required of all gardeners starting in 2023 and new gardeners each year thereafter. Returning gardeners not in compliance with the policy will be required to participate the following season in order to remain in good standing.

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