

Basic do's and don'ts

Allotments have their own legislation which dictates how allotments should be used and most of the do's and don'ts on this document are legal requirements. Failure to abide by these requirements means you could be breaking the law!

Do's

- You can plant herbs and flowers
- If your site has gates you **MUST** always ensure you lock them behind you
- You can bring your dog on site as long as it's kept on a lead at all times, and clear up any feaces
- You can have a small lawned area as long as it's regularly mown
- You **MUST** erect a clearly visible number board on your plot
- If you have fruit bushes/trees, etc, you **MUST** maintain the area around them and make sure they are pruned regulary
- You must cultivate at least 50% of your plot and keep the rest free from weeds and cut any long grass
- If you have a shed on your plot you must maintain it in a serviceable condition
- You **MUST** pay your allotment rent with 40 days of receiving an invoice
- If you vacate your plot you must pay any rent owed
- Always inform the Allotments Team if you change address
- Permit entry to sheds/structures for allotment staff at any time requested
- If you vacate your plot you **MUST** remove all belongings within two weeks
- Please be considerate to other plot holders

Don'ts

- You are not allowed to sublet your plot
- You are not allowed to use your plot for any trade or business
- You are not allowed to bring rubbish onto the site - you may be charged for its removal
- You are not allowed to block communal pathways/haulingways
- You are not allowed to wash crops or tools in water troughs
- You are not allowed to use a hosepipe or a sprinkler to water crops
- You are not allowed to have smoky bonfires that cause a nuisance, or leave fires unattended (see Bonfire guidelines)
- You are not allowed to cause a nuisance to other plot holders or neighbouring householders - nuisance could include bad language, getting drunk, playing loud music, racist language etc
- You are not allowed to go onto other people's plots unless they have given you permission
- If you have children or young people with you on site they are not allowed to wander around on other plots or make a mess
- You are not allowed to dig up paths between plots
- You are not allowed to use any form of violence on-site, be it physical or verbal
- You are not allowed to give your key to other people or allow them to visit your plot unsupervised
- You must obtain written permission to erect a shed
- You must obtain written permission to have poultry on a plot
- You must have written permission to plant fruit trees, trees or large shrubs
- It is advisable Not to bring old carpets onto site, as they can be difficult to get rid of and they are known to contaminate the soil.