

MIT Community Garden Project

1. Only one plot per MIT Staff or Faculty member. There is no fee for the plot.
2. Plots will be equally spaced and will be distributed by way of a lottery. MIT certificate is needed to enter lottery. The space is allotted for three seasons from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The years of 2009 – 2011 will be the trial period. At this time (2011) you may re-enter the lottery but first preference is given to new gardeners.
3. Forfeiture of the garden plot could occur for any of the following reasons:
 - Non-compliance with gardening policy
 - Voluntary or involuntary departure
4. Lottery System: This process will be announced in a Tech Talk article and will run for a specified number of days. Those wishing to enter must have an MIT Certificate. Only the person who was awarded the plot by way of the lottery can utilize the space. All applications will be randomly selected via computer. The lottery will be two-tiered: first choice is a specified section on the roof of the West Garage; second location will be a small tract of land adjacent to the Albany Garage; third is either space. Once the space is awarded you can not swap. If you are selected and decide not to keep the plot, you must notify the organizers and the plot will be awarded to the next person on the wait list. You can not “give,” “promise,” or “assign” a plot to another person.
5. All garden plots on the specified section of the West Garage or adjacent to the Albany Garage must be in “Earth Boxes” which must be purchased from the MIT Endicott House. The MITEH will be on campus selling gardening supplies on May 20 and 21. The MITEH will sell the boxes, complete with soil and fertilizer at a discounted price. They will also have several varieties of vegetables and flowers for sale which we highly encourage you to buy from them to encourage sustainability.
6. In this current economic time it is mandatory for participants of the MIT Community Gardens Project to donate 2% of vegetables, herbs or flowers grown to the Food For Free program. All food will be picked up from Stata on Friday afternoons.
7. Gardeners are responsible to keep a neat and clean garden. Only black, brown or green stakes and containers are allowed to remain at the site. No plastic bottles or other scraps of material can be left on the ground site.
 - No harsh chemicals, to include pesticides, herbicides or fungicides, can be used. Only insecticidal soap or “approved for organic use” is allowed, following manufactures instructions.
 - Fertilizers must be used in accordance with manufactures recommendations.
 - Spills of any nature must be contained and remediated by the gardeners.

- Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their own watering schedule and supply. Water will not be provided.
- Earthboxes must be clearly marked with the plot owners name.

8. All gardens must be cleaned and stored by Monday of Labor Day (September). No Earthbox containers, stakes or any other material can be left on the site. Failure to remove all items by this date will immediately result in the revocation of your garden plot. Composting bags will be made available by the Department of Facilities.

9. Garden coordinator. A meeting of all MIT Community Gardeners (West Garage and Albany Garage) will be held in early May. The meeting will have a few goals: meeting each other to see the common bond that you hold, gardening; review all guidelines for gardening; educational component – discuss gardening with some of MIT gardeners. Select two garden coordinators, one for each location.

- ❖ Role of the coordinator will be to be sure all gardens are kept neat.
- ❖ Ensure maintenance of rules is adhered too.
- ❖ Will notify the plot owner if there is a violation of rules and gardener has one week to correct the violation.
- ❖ If for some reason the gardener becomes ill or a personal emergency the owner will notify the coordinator who will maintain the plot temporarily.

10. Gardening operational hours are: Sun – Sat, 6:30am – 7:30pm. Gardeners must have valid MIT ID while on site.

11. Gardeners must not alter or modify MIT owned equipment, fixtures or land, accept as approved by the Community Gardens Board. Gardeners will be held responsible for damage they cause to MIT owned or operated property.

12. Gardeners **must** be aware of moving vehicles and pedestrians at all times. Those who are located on the sunny roof of the West Garage must pay particular attention to vehicles.

13. No alcohol can be consumed while gardening.

14. No produce or flowers can be sold. They can only be donated to the Food For Free program. See #6

15. Sometime in early August we would like to host a tomato judging contest. The judges for this contest will be all the wonderful people who made this project happen!

16. MIT and the project organizers are not responsible, under any circumstances, for gardens that are damaged as a result of negligence, acts of God or vandalism. MIT and the project organizers are not responsible, under any circumstances, for the personal property of gardeners which may be lost, stolen or damaged.