

Participants must agree and adhere to the following rules, terms and conditions for participation:

- I am a resident of the Town of Esopus.
- The Community Garden has two volunteer Garden Managers to assist with simple problems and logistics only. All complaints and problems should be referred to the Library Director for resolution. The Garden Managers will communicate largely via email. I will check my email regularly, as well as the physical log in the garden.
- I will use this garden at the sole discretion of the Esopus Library, and I agree to abide by the policies and practices of the Library and the Community Garden.
- Once planted, my garden plot will not be left untended for any period of two weeks or longer. If I am unable to manage my plot for any reason, I will contact one of the Garden Managers for assistance.
- I understand that the success of the Community Garden depends upon each gardener participating in the general maintenance of the overall garden outside of individual plots. I will spend at least 15 minutes weekly on general maintenance.
- I will be allowed to use the Library's garden tools and will return them to the designated location afterward.
- I will harvest only my own produce, unless given permission by another gardener. I will notify a Garden Manager if there is a problem with another plot.
- I will not apply any pesticides or chemical fertilizers in the garden.
- I will leave the gates to the garden closed and locked at all times.
- I will have my garden plot cleared for winter by November 30th.
- I agree that the Library is not responsible for my actions. **I therefore agree to hold harmless the Esopus Library for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests. I understand that by violating these terms, or by abandoning my plot, I may be restricted from applying for the Town of Esopus Library Community Garden in future years.**
- **As part of Esopus Library's ongoing efforts to help alleviate food insecurity in the community, starting this year garden plot holders will be required to contribute 10% of their edible crops to be distributed free to those in need.**

Annual fee covers plot rental, use of tools, facilities, and water.

Large plot: \$20 Small Plot: \$15

Payments can be submitted in cash or check payable to Town of Esopus Library after lottery.

2026 Community Garden Lottery Application & Gardening Agreement

Name

Address

Email

Phone

I am interested in a small plot large plot

For questions or additional information:

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Gardener's Commitment:

I have read, understand and will adhere to the rules, terms and conditions for the opportunity to participate in the Town of Esopus Library Community Garden.

Signature

Date

Applications will be accepted from 2/18/25 until 3/18/25. Plots will be assigned by 3/20/26. The annual fees are due the week after plots are assigned.