

DOs & DON'Ts – Quick Code of Conduct

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- ✓ Pay your rent by 30th April each year (Rule 14).
- ✓ Cultivate your plot – at least 75% must be crops/flowers (Rule 4).
- ✓ Keep trees to dwarf stock only, max 2m (6ft) (Rule 5).
- ✓ Lock the gates and report any security concerns (Rule 17.5).
- ✓ Compost green waste; only burn allowed materials after 6pm (Rule 8).
- ✓ Respect your neighbours – no nuisance or harassment (Rule 16).
- ✓ Try to collect and store rainwater – required for tunnels/greenhouses (Rule 8).
- ✓ Ask the Committee before putting up sheds, tunnels or fences (Rule 10).
- ✓ Use wildlife-friendly netting (butterfly netting, enviromesh), secured with bricks/tiles or using a frame structure (Rule 10.7).
- ✓ Remove rubbish and dispose of non-recyclable waste responsibly (Rule 9).
- ✓ Supervise children, pets, and guests at all times (Rule 18).
- ✓ Keep dogs on a lead, take waste home (Rule 12).
- ✓ Report hazards, theft or vandalism promptly (Rule 17.7).
- ✓ Always consider your duty of care to others, wildlife and the environment.

✗ DON'T

- ✗ Don't look for loopholes – follow both the rules and their spirit.
- ✗ Don't assume that just because the rules don't specially mention something, it is OK; it may just be that it's never been asked before. If in doubt, ASK!
- ✗ Don't encroach on neighbours' plots or take items without consent.
- ✗ Don't park on haulage ways except briefly to load/unload (Rule 11.6).
- ✗ Don't burn plastics, carpets or smoky/toxic materials (Rule 8).
- ✗ Don't store fuels, accelerants, or valuables on site (Rule 17.2.1 & 17.6).
- ✗ Don't use poured concrete – postcrete only (Rule 9).
- ✗ Don't plant trees beyond approved dwarf fruit trees (Rule 5).
- ✗ Don't use abusive or threatening behaviour (Rule 16).
- ✗ Don't use your allotment for business (Rule 7).
- ✗ Don't fly-tip or bring household waste to the site (Rule 9.2).
- ✗ Don't install glass greenhouses or glass panes in any structure (Rule 10.8).
- ✗ Don't ignore Committee directions – breaches trigger enforcement.
- ✗ Don't use herbicides, pesticides or any other chemical agent that is not approved for organic use, without written permission from the Committee

Site Rules at a Glance – Quick Guide

Allotment land is precious – please keep it safe, clean and fair for everyone.

(Full rules and policies are available on the noticeboard, website, or from the Secretary.)

Waste & Materials – Not Allowed

-  Asbestos – hazardous & illegal
 -  Carpets, rugs, underlay
 -  Astroturf / fake grass / artificial turf
 -  Tyres
 -  Baths, toilets, sinks, plumbing fittings
 -  Broken glass – must be removed safely
 -  Glass panes – not for greenhouses, sheds or frames (use polycarbonate)
 -  Poured concrete – not for paths or posts (postcrete only)
 -  uPVC doors/windows/panels
 -  Large piles of rubble, hardcore or scrap
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Restricted Use

- Slabs – OK for shed bases, paths and small seating areas
 - Plot must remain mainly cultivated
 - No large patios
 - Must not be fixed with poured concrete (postcrete only)
 - Bricks – limited for small jobs (e.g. edging or securing netting for crop protection).
 - Not to be used for building raised beds, walls or large permanent structures.
 - Scrap metal – only at committee-approved collection points
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Allowed

- Weed suppressant fabric (purpose-made)
 - Heavy duty black plastic (temporary weed solarisation)
 - Clean, ink-free cardboard (no tape, staples, glossy coatings)
 - Safe timber, slabs or bricks – tidy, limited to practical use only
 - Netting – butterfly netting, enviromesh, insect mesh
 - May be draped and secured with bricks/tiles
 - Must be tidy, anchored and safe for wildlife
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Structures

- Sheds – one per plot, max 8ft x 6ft
 - Polytunnels/Greenhouses – within size limits, polycarbonate only (no glass)
 - Fencing – max 1m high
 - Structures must be safe, temporary, tidy, and approved by the Committee
 - Unsafe or unsuitable structures may be removed
 - Deposits will not be returned if plots are left with glass or banned materials
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CCTV, Cameras & Drones

- Site CCTV – covers communal areas, may record incidents (fires, theft, damage)
 - Tenant cameras – must only point at your own plot, no audio, keep footage private
 - Drones – need Committee permission, must have operator ID & CAA licence
 - Follow the Drone Code
 - No flying over other plots or people
 - No filming people without consent
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Key Reminders

- Remove all non-compostable waste (Rule 9)
 - Unsafe/banned items must be cleared within 1 month if asked
 - Plots must be left safe & clean – deposits may be withheld if not
 - Fires: after 6pm only, attended at all times, safe size & materials only
 - Always lock the gate when you enter/leave
 - Respect neighbours – no harassment, nuisance or unsafe behaviour
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 **Questions? Ask the Committee or Secretary before bringing materials, building, or using cameras/drones.**