

SEVEN KINGS & GOODMAYES ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Most rules are based on common sense. Here are some of the key ones to remember.

- **DO** cultivate your plot, we don't want to see grass and weeds
- **DO** grow vegetables, fruit and flowers (fruit trees **MUST** be on dwarf stock)
- **DO** maintain your paths (remember, if it touches your plot, you're responsible for it)
- **DO** only use watering cans for watering (not buckets, wheelbarrows, hoses or pumps)
- **DO** rotate your crops – otherwise, you weaken the soil and this encourages disease
- **DO** grow different types of vegetables and fruit (monoculture is not allowed)
- **DO** help your neighbours – they'll help you back
- **DO** offer stewards help – it's your society and all roles are voluntary
- **DO** follow stewards advice or instructions – if they ask you to do something, please do it
- **DO** join the WhatsApp group to share tips and ask for help and advice
- **DO** treat our machinery with care and return it, cleaned, to a steward directly after use
- **DO** go around and meet other members, but wait to be invited on to their plot
- **DO** share your plot with friends (but you're responsible for their behaviour)
- **DO** supervise children when on the site (don't let them go off on their own)
- **DO** keep dogs on a lead at all times
- **DO** support the trading huts at Vicarage Lane or Goodmayes – high quality products cheaper than you can get them in the shops
- **DO** have fun and enjoy your produce

DON'T:

- **DON'T** build ANY structures without written permission (except for toolboxes – see rules)
- **DON'T** build ANY fences, you'll only be asked to take them down
- **DON'T** grow a single type of produce on more than 50% (half) of any plot
- **DON'T** have fires or barbecues, **EVER** – communal fires are supervised by stewards
- **DON'T** use weedkiller, only stewards may administer weedkiller in certain circumstances
- **DON'T** use slug pellets containing **METALDEHYDE** (check packaging), use an alternative
- **DON'T** use buckets, wheelbarrows, etc for watering (only watering cans are permitted)
- **DON'T** interfere with tanks in any way (if you attach a hose or use a pump, expect trouble)
- **DON'T** use ladders on the site (not anywhere on site, thank you)
- **DON'T** cut extra keys (if you want an extra key, ask a steward)
- **DON'T** bring rubbish on to the site, including lots of wood, bath tubs, etc, as you may be asked to remove them (and if you can't you will be liable for any costs)
- **DON'T** use concrete anywhere on site (nothing needs to be set that hard)
- **DON'T** bring glass on to the site
- **DON'T** bring carpet onto the sites for use as ground cover, use membrane or **horticultural** plastic only (not ordinary plastic sheeting)
- **DON'T** allow children to wander the site on their own – they must be supervised at all times as allotments can be dangerous
- **DON'T** let your dog off its lead on the site – it must be secured at all times
- **DON'T** wander on to other members' plots – you can look from a path, but wait to be invited on
- **DON'T** ignore instructions from the stewards and/or committee
- **DON'T** think the rules do not apply to you, because they apply to **EVERYONE**

The complete set of rules are on the website, but if you don't know, ask a steward.