

WORCESTER CITY ALLOTMENTS

CULTIVATION STANDARDS



The purpose of an allotment plot is to produce vegetables, fruit, herbs, and flowers (including wildflowers)

Plots must be kept to a minimum standard of cultivation as outlined within these standards.

Tenants should actively manage plots on a regular basis to ensure proper upkeep and maximum environmental benefit.

Plots must be fully cultivated and ready for planting in season. You must aim for 75% to be cultivated.

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Full cultivation is considered to mean:

- **The plot is in readiness for growing.**
- **The plot is well stocked with growing produce relevant to the time of the year.**
- **The plot is being prepared for the allowable crops or season.**

In the main growing season, covered areas, including wood chipped areas within plots, are not considered to be cultivated.

Tenants may use up to 20% of a plot for biodiversity purposes including wildflowers, ponds, bug hotels and wildlife habitat piles.

Tenants must keep allotment plots free from weeds, by removal of weed seed-heads before the seed has set or going to seed. This includes paths in or adjoining the allotment plot.

Tenants shall not obstruct nor allow to be obstructed any path or road.

Soil must be well fertilised and kept in a reasonable state of cultivation, fertility, and condition. It must be kept clear of the edge of the path to enable rainwater to drain away and to leave a clear and unobstructed path.

Where a plot adjoins a hedge or ditch, the Tenant handles keeping the side of the hedge properly trimmed, or the ditch clear.

Tenants must have control of pernicious weeds, no brambles, couch grass or bindweed invading the plot.

Remove long grass or detritus that is likely to harbour slugs and snails, ensuring grass paths are trimmed.

Tenants shall not use carpets, or linoleum to suppress weeds either on or surrounding the allotment plot or on the pathways between the allotment plots.

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Plots should be managed in an environmentally friendly way, giving due regard to biodiversity. Rainwater and home-produced compost/fertiliser should be used wherever possible.

When planting fruit trees such as apples, pears and plums, dwarf rootstock must be used.

Trees must be managed responsibly and be regularly pruned.

Trees must not negatively affect adjoining plots.

Flowering shrubs, which help pollinators survive, are acceptable.

Waste, noxious, or hazardous materials should be removed.

Tenants are allowed to erect one shed or storage facility on the plot, not exceeding 6' x 8'.

Permanent bases should not be installed.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY, PLEASE SEE SECTION 14 Vehicle Access, Storage or Maintenance, of the Tenancy Agreement

14.1 Some sites enable vehicle parking, due to the unavailability to park outside of the site, or close by, vehicles must not be left overnight at these sites.

14.2 Other sites allow access for loading and unloading of items, any vehicle brought onto these sites must only remain long enough to allow loading/unloading. Immediately afterwards the vehicle must be removed from the allotment site.

14.3 It is forbidden to store any vehicles, caravans, campervans, motorcycles, vehicle parts, tyres etc. on the allotment site.