

Emajõe Garden Guidelines

General usage

1. Belonging to the Emajõe Garden community also requires voluntary work from the members to ensure the well-being and sustainability of the garden. This includes taking part of community work events (creating and maintaining shared garden beds, harvesting) and contributing to the maintenance of common areas (roads, ponds, buildings in common use and their surroundings, installing fences, etc.). The amount of volunteer work depends on the type of membership.
2. While in the garden, all members contribute to the basic activities related to the well-being of the garden: keeping paths open, cleaning up garbage, etc.
3. Shared tools and equipment must be used responsibly. When finishing work or leaving the garden, always put all things back in their place.
4. The common area can be used for private events by agreement with the board. During the events, it is allowed to use the common property of the garden in a responsible manner. After the events, you must clean up the trash and do all other necessary activities so that the garden remains freely usable for other members and visitors.
5. When leaving the garden, you must always check that all tools are in the garden house, greenhouse or tool shed and that all doors are properly locked.
6. If anything breaks or you notice other problems, inform the board as soon as possible.

Guidelines for personal garden bed usage

1. Granting the rights to a personal garden bed
 - 1.1. Members of the NGO are given the rights to use a plot of land by the board of the NGO. The board also monitors the management of the garden. The use of land is given on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - 1.2. A land user has the right to use a plot if they pay the membership fee on time by March 1 every year and fulfill all conditions of land use. The amount of the membership fee is determined by the general meeting of the NGO. When joining for the first time, the membership fee must be paid within two weeks after the confirmation of membership.
 - 1.3. The board has the right to change the land use procedure and reorganize the land use, informing the land users about it.
 - 1.4. One person has the right to use land with an area of up to 4 m² in the area marked by the board/land distributor. The land user must adhere to the boundaries of the land, they cannot rent out their plot or give it to another person for use without the permission of the board.
 - 1.5. The use of a personal plot is valid for 1 year. The desire to extend should be announced by February 1 of the calendar year at the latest.
2. Conditions for the use of a personal garden bed

- 2.1. It is allowed to grow herbaceous plants (including perennials), vegetables and other edible plants on the private garden beds.
- 2.2. It is not allowed to plant shrubs or trees on your personal plot.
- 2.3. Gardening must be based on the principles of permaculture, environmental protection and sustainability. The use of mineral fertilizers and chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, etc.) is prohibited.
- 2.4. Plots must be looked after. Tools, garbage or other debris must not be left in the garden beds.
- 2.5. The gardener collects any waste (plastic etc.) created in a garbage bag and removes it from the garden. Large broken items must be taken to the waste station.
- 2.6. The gardener collects any composting material and takes it to Emajõe Garden's compost bin or composting area. When creating an area suitable for collective composting, the board informs members in the relevant information channels (e-mail, website, social media channels). Any leftover wood must be collected at the place designated by the board, generally at the campfire site.
- 2.7. A land user must consider the neighbors and other users of the garden. It is forbidden to use someone else's garden bed or take the crops from another garden bed without the owner's permission. Smoking, alcohol consumption, making fires on the garden beds, keeping dogs free are prohibited.
- 2.8. Plastic or textile pavilions, crop covers and plastic tunnels are not left in the garden over winter.
- 2.9. Sharing the codes of the garden house or greenhouse locks to third parties is prohibited.
- 2.10. The board of the NGO must be immediately informed in case of breakage or loss of shared work tools.
- 2.11. Shared work tools must be used responsibly and according to their intended purpose. All tools must be returned to the garden shed or tool shed when the work is finished and when leaving the garden.

3. Relinquishment of the right to use a personal garden bed. Deprivation of the right to use a personal garden bed.

- 3.1. If the user of a plot of land wishes to give up cultivation of that particular plot, get a replacement plot or stop gardening activities for a certain period, the land user shall verbally inform the board/land distributor. A person who stops gardening activities can remain a supporting member of the NGO by paying the supporting member's membership fee.
- 3.2. When a land user leaves the membership of the NGO, the board must be informed in writing no later than one month before the departure by e-mail (emajoeaed@gmail.com) or by paper application.
- 3.3. The right to use the plot is taken away from the user by the board's decision if the land user does not comply with the statutes of the NGO, violates the rules for using the garden or does not pay the membership fee on time.

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