

Kettering Allotments Society

Summary of Rules and Prohibitions of the Tenancy Agreement

*This is **not** the full list of Rules, but a **convenient summary**. For any queries, consult the full Tenancy Agreement (Rules) and ask your steward or the committee*

DOs

- ✓ pay your rent by 31st January each year
- ✓ cultivate your plot - at least 75% of the land must be used for growing crops
- ✓ trees restricted to miniature fruit trees, maximum 8 feet tall
- ✓ lock gates and remain vigilant to maintain security
- ✓ remove weeds and make compost (rather than burning)
- ✓ abide by the rules, committee Policies and the constitution of the Society
- ✓ collect and store rainwater. At least 1000 litres required for polytunnels
- ✓ talk to your stewards to clarify Rules and Policies and ask questions
- ✓ respect and consider your plot neighbours
- ✓ **Stay safe** and follow the Health and Safety Policy
- ✓ report any hazards or safety concerns to stewards immediately
- ✓ keep dogs on a lead, pick up poo and take home to dispose of
- ✓ **Always** consider your duty of care for the environment
- ✓ get permission **before** getting poultry or bees (no other livestock allowed)
- ✓ remove your rubbish and dispose of non-recyclable waste responsibly
- ✓ keep to the 5mph speed limit on the site
- ✓ supervise all fires, ensuring they don't cause harm
- ✓ supervise children and guests at all times on allotment land¹

DON'Ts

- ✗ **DON'T** look for loopholes in the rules. Obey the spirit of the rules
- ✗ **DON'T** encroach on your neighbours' plots, trespass or take items without permission
- ✗ **DON'T** build structures (sheds etc) or fences without permission
- ✗ **NO MORE THAN 25% of the plot may be structures**
- ✗ **DON'T** park on ridings (unless unloading) or block access to other plots
- ✗ **DON'T** bring materials/greenery from home to burn
- ✗ **DON'T** burn things that make hazardous smoke. **NO FIRES** on Sundays
- ✗ **DON'T** store valuables or fuel at the allotment
- ✗ **DON'T** use concrete slabs without permission
- ✗ **DON'T** plant trees, apart from dwarf fruit trees
- ✗ **DON'T** use abusive language or threatening behaviour towards any person
- ✗ **DON'T** Do Anything illegal in UK law (eg use asbestos)
- ✗ **DON'T** Use an allotment as part of any business
- ✗ **DON'T** Fly tip

BANNED and PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✗ Carpet, underlay and laminated wood
- ✗ Car and tractor tyres
- ✗ Toxic items
- ✗ Concrete
- ✗ Hosepipes for mains water
- ✗ uPVC windows and doors
- ✗ Sofas
- ✗ Household furniture and non-garden items
- ✗ Sinks, baths, toilets
- ✗ Barbed wire
- ✗ razor wire
- ✗ Broken glass
- ✗ Artificial turf
- ✗ Fences over 1 metre high - check policy for details
- ✗ Sheds bigger than 10 feet by 8 feet
- ✗ Pesticides, other than those available to amateurs in retail stores
- ✗ hard standing car parking on plots