

# Croydon Council Allotments Rules

## Allotments Service, Parks, and Green Spaces

In addition to adhering to all of the clauses of your Tenancy Agreement, Croydon Council keeps this document updated regularly with accompanying rules, to support the Tenancy Agreement and keep the Allotments Service in Croydon running as smoothly as possible.

All plot holders must adhere to these rules and failure to do so could result in breach of your tenancy agreement. In the event of any breach of tenancy, Croydon Council can serve a Termination Notice according with article 30 literals (e) iii, and (h) of the lease agreement.

### RULES:

- a) All plot holders should abide by the clauses set out in their tenancy agreement as a minimum standard of cultivating and maintaining their allotment. The tenancy agreement can be found online at [Information for lease holders](#).
- b) From 1 October 2019 offers will be limited to a maximum of one full plot (or smaller plots equalling one full lot) per household. This includes plots on multiple Council sites.
- c) Plot holders seeking to acquire another plot must have been renting for a year and passed at least a season of inspections before they can have another plot. The level of cultivation and how their plot is maintained will be also considered.
- d) Authorised officers from the Council shall be entitled at any time to enter and inspect any allotment administered by the Council.
- e) If any plots are not seen to be complying with the cultivation clauses as set out in the tenancy agreement, Notices to Cultivate can be served. This will allow the plot holder 40 days to improve the state of their plot. If, after 40 days, no or insufficient improvement is made the Council will serve a Notice to Quit with 14 days for a plot holder to collect their belongings and vacate their plot before it is given to another member of the waiting list.
- f) The Allotment Service's decision on notices is final, however, individual circumstances will be considered if the Council are notified BEFORE a Notice to Quit is served.
- g) The Council does not oppose or encourage any specific growing techniques, but all plot holders are expected to accommodate their approach to growing to meet the standards laid in the lease agreement.

h) The use of CCTV systems, including the camera, storage, recording and all associated equipment are prohibited from recording of the allotment site.

i) Plot boundaries fences must not exceed 4ft tall and should always allow free access for inspections.

j) Connecting hose pipes to the allotments water supply is not allowed. Any violation of this article that restricts the use of standpipes by other users also constitutes a breach of article 8 of the lease agreement for causing nuisance or annoyance to the occupiers of any other Allotment Garden.

k) Concessionary tariff applications must be submitted before the 1<sup>st</sup> of October each year. Plot holders in receipt of employment benefit must send evidence of entitlement before this date every year, this category does not renew automatically.

l) Trees in the allotments must be suitable for small spaces with shallow root systems and should be always maintained at a maximum height of two meters. The council reserves the right to remove any tree if it is deemed necessary to preserve the allotment plot as a cultivable area or if it is not properly maintained.

m) Croydon Allotments Service offer 50% discount\* to the following:

- Plot holders in receipt of a state pension.
- Plot holders in receipt of employment benefit.
- Plot holders that are registered disabled.

Plot holders need to provide evidence that they meet the above criteria and apply before the 1 October each year. Proof can be any communication from the DWP were state your status or a bank statement.

- A 50% concessionary tariff can only be applied to one full sized (or multiple smaller plots to the equivalent of one full sized) allotment plot per household. Full price will be charged on additional plots.

- Concessions will not be applied to quarter plots.
- Concessions are no transferable.

Any suggestions/request to alter the rules must be sent to [Allotments@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:Allotments@croydon.gov.uk)  
Or in writing to:

Allotments Service, Croydon Council, Bernard Weatherill House, Croydon, CR0 1EA.

The Council reserves the right to update these rules at any time. Last Update July 2024.