



# INTERNAL RULES EXAMPLE

THESE ARE THE INTERNAL RULES (RÈGLEMENT D'ORDRE INTÉRIEUR, ROI). DRAWN UP BY THE MAMER COMMUNITY GARDEN GROUP, IT IS A MODEL BASED ON COMMITMENT AND AN ECOLOGICAL VISION.



The community garden in the municipality of Mamer is a place for meeting, for sharing, and for growing plants and vegetables in accordance with exclusively ecological criteria. Gardening together to grow your own food, reconnecting with the earth, and understanding and observing nature are the noble aims of this garden. Passing on and sharing expertise, and involving children in this project, will ensure that this group develops towards a model of environmental awareness where everyone can rethink how they live.

## HOW IT WORKS

Those involved undertake to work together, respecting one another and respecting the neighbourhood, and to abide by the Municipal Rules, which constitute an obligation for every member of the community garden.

The community garden is a shared space which includes the paths, the plots where communal growing takes place, the shed with the tank to collect rainwater, the composting facilities, the water pipe, the fence surrounding the site, and the benches and tables for gatherings, and any other elements.

The gardening group is self-organising in respect of the form and collective organisation of its choice, in order to develop the gardening work undertaken, to plan future plantings, and to share out tasks and harvests. The members of the garden promote the circular economy (reuse of materials, recycling of tools, etc.) as much as possible. The group designates the representative of its choice as spokesperson in respect of the municipality.

A contribution to the annual costs, discussed in advance with the group's representative, will be paid to the municipality. When a water pipe is installed, the group undertakes to pay the bills for water used. The group is self-organising in respect of its own expenses.

Each member will hold a key and shall ensure that the entry door to the garden and the door to the shed are locked when they leave.

Municipal approval is required to install beehives or a chicken coop.

The Municipal Rules remain in force for all works to be undertaken in respect of installations: garden sheds, greenhouses, or other facilities.



## COMMITMENTS FOR GARDENING MEMBERS

### ECOLOGY

- Produce grown on the community garden is solely for personal consumption.
- The plants are grown in accordance with ecological criteria, without pesticides or chemical fertilizers, and with no genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
- In order not to waste drinking water, rainwater capture is to be arranged as far as possible, and other alternatives explored, such as searching for natural springs in the garden.
- All techniques for reducing consumption due to watering are considered (increasing the level of humus in the soil, applying straw, etc.).
- Only compostable wastes are added to the compost heap, which is managed in common in accordance with the work plan drawn up.
- Large-size plants (fruiting shrubs, etc.) and plants with invasive roots may be planted in the communal plots, once agreed collectively.
- The creation of composting toilets is under discussion with the municipality, with the aim of reducing water consumption and using resources as fertilizers.

### SOFT MOBILITY

- The gardening members are encouraged to travel to the garden on foot or by bike. The garden does not provide parking spaces for cars.
- Unless previously authorised by the municipality, the parking of vehicles or trailers on the site is prohibited.

### MEETINGS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS

- The gardeners undertake to attend meetings, training events and communal activities, to organise open days, etc.
- The members undertake to ensure that any non-member entering the garden is under the responsibility of a member of the garden.
- A harvest festival and/or an open day may be arranged with the support of the Commune of Mamer in order to attract new members and to provide information to the residents in the district. Only on these occasions, and subject to the prior agreement of the Commune of Mamer, it is permitted to hold a barbecue open to the public.



## COMMITMENTS BY THE MUNICIPALITY

- Any change in the use of the land shall be notified at least one year in advance to the members of the garden. If this is the case, the municipality undertakes to offer alternatives to the group.
- The municipality undertakes to respect the collective decisions of the group, and not to take decisions concerning or to undertake works in the garden without the prior agreement of the group, and as far as possible to have a member of the group in attendance during works in the garden.
- In order to guarantee the ecological management of the garden, the Commune of Mamer offers training in ecological gardening to members of the community garden.
- The municipality reports on and promotes the group's actions.
- The municipality provides financial and logistical support to the group.

## EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

Where a gardening member fails to respect any one of these provisions, this may give rise to exclusion from the group via the means which the group adopts for excluding members.

