

Otaniemi Urban Gardening Association

Terms of Gardening

Otaniemi Urban Gardening Association assigns the plot to the gardener, who is also a member of the Association with the rights and obligations that are written on the rules of the Association. The gardener can not transfer the right to garden without the approval of the Association.

The gardener uses the plot and garden including its equipment under their own responsibility. Otaniemen kaupunkiviljely-yhdistys does not take responsibility for any injury or loss on the premises.

Gardener's rights:

The gardener gets a plot to grow plants, and is entitled to obtain the crop entirely. The gardener can use the tools in the common tool shed.

Gardener's duties:

The plot is meant for gardening, and the gardener is obliged to take care of the plot and to keep it in good condition. Plot shall be used solely for gardening. The gardener must comply with the instructions issued by the Association board about the care of the plots and use of tools.

The gardener has to follow the terms of the payment considering the membership fee and rental of the plot.

Rubbish and litter must be taken to the waste containers and shall not be left on the lawns and passages. Plot should be cleaned and cultivated after the growth period.

The gardening is subject to follow biological diversity and ethical values of sustainable development.

Gardening must be organic. Pest and weed control chemical toxins are strictly prohibited.

Plants must be placed in such a way that they can be taken care of on the plot and they do not cause any harm to other gardeners. Weeds must be rooted out.

No DIY work on water taps nor removing any parts of them. It is not allowed to build permanent structures or equipment in the area. The plot area is part of a park with free passage rights therefore it is not allowed to fence it or mount "no trespassing" signs. Toolboxes may not be removed from the plots.

The tenant is obliged to immediately notify the Board of cases that may pose a danger to persons using the plots, to the ground or to the property.

Termination of the gardening:

The right to the gardening is assigned one season at a time and normally stops at the end of the lease.

The Association is entitled to terminate the gardening contract in the following cases:

- Gardener does not follow the rules of the Association, the gardening conditions or board's guidelines.

- Gardener behaves inappropriately or against Association policies, or otherwise causes damage to the Association.
- Gardener doesn't take care of assigned plot during the growth season, and doesn't succeed to take care of it even after receiving a written notification from the Association.
- Gardener is no longer a member of the Aalto community (please see the Association rules).

If Aalto University terminates the lease of the gardening plots or if the Association for any other reason gives up the plots, gardening contract expires. Gardeners will be informed.

The gardener has no right claim any compensation for any loss or inconvenience after termination of contract.