



Rules for the use of allotment gardens in Porvoo

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General information

These rules were approved by the Urban Development Board on 7 April 2026. These rules apply to allotment areas located in the City of Porvoo. Allotment holders must agree to abide by these rules. The association Porvoon palstaviljelijät ry, which has entered into an agreement with the city, supervises compliance with these rules and takes the necessary measures in the event of any breach.

Allotment areas are recreation areas open to everyone, where movement must not be restricted, except on the allotments themselves.

Use and gardening of the allotment

The allotment shall be cultivated and kept tidy as for landscape. Cultivation shall begin by the end of June each year. Plants shall be positioned so that they can be handled to from the allotment and do not cause any inconvenience to other allotment holders. Berry bushes shall be planted so that there is at least 1.5 metres distance from the boundary of the allotment.

The allotment may only be used for cultivation. Weeds shall be removed before flowering. Allotment holders shall ensure that the cultivated plants do not spread beyond the allotment. If this happens, the allotment holder shall take care of the control measures. Chemical plant protection products or pesticides shall not be used in cultivation.

The allotment areas and public areas shall be kept tidy. Hoses shall be neatly laid along the edges of the allotments so that they do not pose a risk of tripping in the paths.

Cultivated plants

In addition to useful plants and flowers, berry bushes growing to a maximum height of 1.5 metres may be grown on the allotment. Perennial plants shall be planted at a sufficient distance from ditches. Trees and ornamental shrubs with woody stems shall not be planted on the allotments. The growth of trees and ornamental shrubs planted before these rules came into force shall be controlled by pruning so that they do not cast shade on or otherwise interfere with other allotments.

It is not allowed to grow invasive non-native plant species on the allotment. The plants on the list of invasive non-native plant species of national importance are considered to be harmful invasive non-native species. The list of species can be found at: <https://vieraslajit.fi/lajit?fi=true>. It is essential that harmful invasive non-native plants are prevented from seeding. Allotment holders must control harmful invasive plants throughout the

entire allotment area. You can ask the Porvoo Urban Infrastructure Department for advice on control. Invasive plant waste must not be composted in the allotment area; instead, it must be taken to the collection point for invasive plant waste.

Structures and constructions

It is allowed to build a small compost frame and storage box for garden tools on the allotments. For preliminary treatment of plants may be used a gauze or a temporary plastic tunnel; in addition, a small greenhouse with a maximum height of 1.5 metres and maximum floor area of 5.0 square metres may be built on the allotment. It is not allowed to install permanent barbecues on the allotments. No structures or installations may be constructed outside the allotments.

The allotment may be fenced off with a fence with a maximum height of 120 cm, which must be easy to dismantle, if necessary. The fence should be neat in appearance and can be constructed of light-structured and restrained-coloured plastic-coated material or willow. If higher fences have been installed before these rules came into force, they do not need to be dismantled. These rules must be followed also when a fence is due for being repaired or an allotment is transferred to a new holder.

Fertilisers

Clamping and storage of manure is prohibited in the allotment areas.

Spreading of slurry, urine, silage effluent, sewage sludge, compost soil made of sludge, or other sludge mixtures is prohibited on the allotments.

Composting and non-biodegradable waste

All compostable waste originating from the area (excluding invasive plant waste) must be composted on the allotment. It is not allowed to leave piles of compostable waste in public areas. Waste combustion of rubbish or other waste is prohibited. Composting household waste in the area is prohibited. All non-biodegradable waste (plastic and glass packaging, etc.) must be removed from the area by 7 October each year at the latest.

Sanitation

The association may, at its own expense, acquire a composting or chemical toilet for its use. Written consent from the city must be obtained in advance regarding the location and form of the toilet.

The association is responsible for keeping the toilets at Niittypolku and Linnamäki clean and in good condition. The association also takes care of using seasonal antifreeze solutions in toilets to prevent the water from freezing. Kaupunki-infra may be contacted about more demanding maintenance needs; these will be agreed upon separately.

Maintenance of public areas

The city is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of any walkways and cycle paths in the area. Allotment holders are responsible for maintaining the smaller paths on the area, each on their own allotment. After the end of the vegetation period, the city periodically arranges for the mechanical dredging of any larger ditches in the area. The edge on the ditch side of the allotments must then be kept clear. Allotment holders are responsible for mowing the banks of the ditches and keeping the channels of the ditches on their own allotments clear. The city takes care of mowing larger lawns and trees growing in the area, unless otherwise agreed.

Ending allotment gardening

If an allotment holder ceases to cultivate their allotment, they must notify the association managing the area and hand over the allotment, cleared of all belongings. If the allotment holder does not empty the allotment despite being notified, the association is entitled to charge the allotment holder the costs of emptying the allotment.

Additional matters

It is not allowed to make an open fire on

the allotment. An open fire refers to the making or use of a fire from which flames may break out either through the ground or as a result of sparking. Making of fire on the allotments is absolutely prohibited while a wildfire warning is issued.

It is not allowed to bring or store items on the allotment that do not belong there. If it is found that the allotment is being used to store items that do not belong there, and a warning does not remedy the situation, the city may remove those items from the allotment and charge the allotment holder the cleaning costs in full.

The water supply to the allotments will be turned on on 15 April and turned off on 15 October. If the date falls on a weekend or a public holiday, turning on/off of the water supply will be done on the next working day.

Supervision

The association monitors compliance with these rules and, if necessary, makes recommendations to allotment holders to improve the identified omissions and shortcomings. If the allotment holder does not follow those recommendations, he or she may not be allowed to continue cultivating the allotment anymore.