

Which rules apply in the allotment garden?

The allotment garden/allotment garden association is a non-profit association with the declared aim of maintaining public health (according to the Federal Allotment Garden Act). Because of the state recognition of the non-profit status, it is much more favourable in terms of taxes and the amount of the rent than, for example, a leisure facility such as a camping site or even farmland (our rent is 0.30 Euro/sqm, farmland approx. 1.50 Euro/sqm in Münsterland)

The recognition of non-profit status is subject to conditions and restrictions imposed by the state. In order for us to be able to continue to enjoy the benefits of public utility, the following restrictions, among others, are to be observed:

1) the user (allotment gardener) uses the garden for non-commercial horticultural use, in particular for the production of horticultural products (vegetables and fruit) for his own use, and for recreation (so-called "allotment garden use")

does not belong to small-scale gardening: Storage of any material that is not necessary for allotment gardening (building material, window elements, wood, paving stones etc.)

2) About one third of the garden area should be used for vegetable and fruit growing.

2) The total area covered must not exceed 24 square metres. This corresponds to a 20 sqm pergola (garden house) with 4 sqm covered open-air seating area. Apart from the pergola, any kind of superstructure such as covered pergolas, tool or bicycle sheds are therefore also prohibited.

Exception: a greenhouse with a maximum size of 9 sqm per garden

3) Non-covered paving or ground sealing beyond the ground plan of the pergola must be limited to 6 square metres in the immediate vicinity of the pergola (city regulations).

Many gardens do not comply with these requirements. This goes well as long as there is no claimant. But it is also clear: Any leaseholder who does not comply with the above regulations endangers the recognition of the non-profit association and must reckon with the fact that the corresponding buildings/floor sealings will have to be removed when the leaseholder changes (therefore do not lay paving stones in concrete under any circumstances!)

Further internal rules of the association

4) Attendance of community hours and compulsory hours for the maintenance and management of the community areas (contact person for the garden chairman and chairman)

5) Driving motorized vehicles or two-wheeled vehicles in the garden outside the opening hours is not permitted (exceptions are possible)

5) Midday rest 13.00-15.00 h, all day on Sundays and public holidays (no noisy work such as mowing the lawn)

6) Music is allowed at an appropriate volume as long as nobody feels disturbed.

7) For the purpose of a uniform appearance: hedge trimming only in the given period, at an adjusted height, please in box form. Maintain adjacent paths up to the middle of the path (if you are unable to do this for health reasons, please report to the board)

8) Dogs only on leash, please collect and dispose of dog excrement and other rubbish.

9) No garden or other waste into the biotopes. And at the moment also not into the composters.

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