

# House Rules

## For Lersøgrøftens Integrations Byhaver

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## 1 General

1.1 Members have access to the shared facilities of the association.

## 2 Obligations

2.1 Members are obligated to comply with the rules and stipulations enacted by the general assembly

2.2 Every member must attend at least 2 of the annual working days. Otherwise the member will be charged a fee fixed by the general assembly. The working days are announced pr email , when the board is in place and have had their first meeting. Each garden day is announced again a week before via email and social media.

2.3 Members have the responsibility that their guests and own children act in accordance with the rules adopted by the garden association.

2.4 Show consideration towards your neighbours – remember: the garden is a free space. Therefore, refrain from noisy behaviour such as yelling, loud music, and unnecessary or persistent machine noise.

2.5 Dogs must be kept on a leash.

2.6 It is not permitted to feed stray cats or other animals.

2.7 It is not permitted to keep livestock in the gardens. Beekeeping is allowed with the permission of the association's board. The board coordinates the location of the beehives.

2.8 The garden allotment must be clearly marked with its number and the stakes marking the boundaries may not be moved. This means the area of the garden, including the surrounding pathways, must not be changed.

2.9 Authorities must have access to inspection wells of the pipeline running under

Lersøgrøften. Members must follow the directions outlined by the board on this issue.

2.10 Driving bicycles and mopeds on the premises and grass paths of the garden association is not permitted.

2.11 Access and parking for cars is governed by the same rules as for the other garden associations in Lersøparken.

## 3 Using the gardens

3.1 Gardens must be grown in accordance with organic basic principles (see section 5 principles)

3.2 All gardens must be grown as day gardens, combining different varieties of vegetables, fruits, flowers or as green recreational gardens.

3.3 A maximum of 10 % of the garden area may be used for non-growing purposes, such as tiles, lawns, benches, etc.

3.4 The Association must respect and allow for the diversity of its members to be reflected in the utilization and design of the gardens, thereby expressing inclusion.

3.5 Members have an obligation to keep their garden and the adjacent paths free from very seed- or root- spreading plants or weeds, which are difficult to remove or keep down. This also includes tending to the grass surrounding your garden so there is free passage for other members. It is not allowed to enlarge your garden toward the paths or take them over for garden usage.

3.6 The height of hedges and fences surrounding the garden association is determined by the board in agreement with authorities and neighbours.

3.7 Fences above 40 cm may not be established between the gardens.

3.8 Trees may only be grown to a maximum height of 2.7 m and at least 1.0 m from the boundary. The trees may not form a fence.

3.9 The board determines how much water each garden has a right to per season depending on budget for water and periods of drought. Water usage over the allowed shall be brought by the gardener.

3.10 There shall be clear signs of garden activity by the 1<sup>st</sup> of May of each year.

3.11 Garden waste that is not stored on the individual garden must be disposed of on marked compost sites.

3.12 Waste that is not garden waste shall be disposed of by the individual member. Waste may not be left lying on the gardens or on the garden association's premises.

3.13 Fires in the gardens is prohibited. Barbecuing is allowed in designated areas.

3.14 Tool sheds, wheelbarrows, tools, message boards and other shared equipment are placed under the protection of members of the association.

3.15 Preparation and ploughing of the soil can be done in spring and autumn.

3.16 Shared wheelbarrows and tools must be cleaned and placed in the tool shed where they have been taken, immediately after use.

## 4 Construction

4.1 Buildings must be constructed in accordance with sustainable principles (see section 5 Principles).

4.2 Garden houses, tool sheds, greenhouses may not be built on the garden plots. There may not be things, for example, cold frames) taller than 1 meter built on the plot. Open support structures like trellises without roofs are exempt from the height restriction.

4.3 The board shall ensure that the size, placement and design of community houses, tool sheds etc. comply with authority directives.

4.4 Buildings may not be used as permanent housing.

## 5 Principles

The objective of the association is that the gardens are grown in accordance with organic principles and that the buildings are built according to sustainable principles. At the same time, it is the aim of the association to develop social and practical communities.

5.1 Cultivation of the individual garden lots must happen according to the following organic principles:

5.1.1 Chemical fertilizers may not be used

5.1.2 Pesticides and herbicides may not be used without prior permission from the board.

5.1.3 Rotational cultivation should be applied

5.1.4 Compost and livestock manure can be used

5.1.5 Shared areas and garden border areas must also be cultivated according to organic principles.

5.1.6 Growing of plants must ensure that flowering, berries and foliage constitute an attractive habitat for insects, birds and other animals.

5.2 Principles for sustainable construction

Construction must be sustainable in that the chosen solutions impact the environment as little as possible. In practice, sustainability means that the association's buildings are established and maintained based on the following principles:

5.2.1 Rainwater from roofs is collected and used for garden irrigation.

5.2.2 Recycled and new eco-labelled materials must be used for construction and maintenance, to the extent possible. Do not use pressure impregnated tree.

5.2.3 Used containers can be used for communal buildings and sheds.

5.3 It is recommended to work your garden on a climate friendly manner. This includes:

- choosing plants that function in the garden's climate with the water and drought conditions that are present
- to an increasing degree, following regenerative principles
- not digging the whole garden up and planting new each season unless you are a new gardener on the plot.

