

Community Garden Association De Vooraard Household Regulations – Effective 29 June 2026

Article 1 – General Provisions

1. These household regulations contain the rules governing the use of the community garden complex of Community Garden Association De Vooraard and the conduct of members and visitors. These regulations supplement the Articles of Association; in the event of any inconsistency, the Articles of Association shall prevail.
2. These regulations enter into force on 29 June 2026, replace all previous versions, and apply to all members, prospective members, and visitors of the complex. Members are required to comply with these regulations.
3. The Board may adopt additional rules and guidelines for the implementation of these regulations and shall decide in cases not provided for herein.

Article 2 – Membership

1. Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the Board, which shall decide on admission. Only natural persons aged 18 years or older may become members. A maximum of 6% of members may reside outside the Municipality of Veldhoven.
2. If the number of available plots is limited, a waiting list shall be maintained and admission shall take place in order of registration, unless the Board decides otherwise with stated reasons.
3. The Board may establish a trial membership for a maximum period of one year and may terminate membership if the obligations under these regulations are not fulfilled.

Article 3 – Plot Allocation and Use

1. Plots shall be allocated by the Board and are intended for personal use by the member and their household. Use by third parties is only permitted with the approval of the Board. A plot shall be enclosed by a boundary separation with a maximum height of 75 cm.
2. The plot shall be used for the cultivation of crops and flowers for personal use. Any other use, including commercial activities or storage, is prohibited.
3. A member may use no more than one plot unless the Board decides otherwise. Transfer or expansion is only possible after approval and allocation by the Board.
4. Digging deeper than 60 cm is prohibited.

Article 4 – Planting

1. Planting shall remain within the boundaries of the plot and shall be established and maintained in such a manner that no nuisance is caused. The maximum height shall be 3 metres.
2. Trees exceeding 1 metre in height shall be planted at least 2 metres from the plot boundary.
3. It is prohibited to plant or maintain vegetation that spreads in such a way as to cause nuisance or that is prohibited under applicable European or national legislation, including species listed on the Union List of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern as published by the European Commission and enforced by the Dutch Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (NVWA).

Article 5 – Structures

1. Permanent, temporary, and low structures are permitted on a plot.
2. Structures shall be properly installed, well maintained, and kept in a safe condition at all times. They must be resistant to weather conditions and secured in such a way that they cannot become detached, shift, or cause damage. Only materials that do not pollute the soil or environment may be used. Brickwork and concrete are prohibited, and posts may not extend deeper than 60 cm.
3. Permanent structures, including sheds, greenhouses, and storage units, are permitted up to a maximum of two per plot, with a combined surface area not exceeding 5% of the plot area and a maximum height of 2.5 metres. They must be placed at least 1 metre from neighbouring plots. Prior written approval from the Board is required before construction commences.
4. Temporary structures, including polytunnels, shade cloths, and similar constructions, are permitted up to a maximum of two per plot, with a combined surface area not exceeding 15% of the plot area and a maximum height of 2.5 metres. From 1 November through 1 April, only frames may remain in place; coverings such as tarpaulins and fabrics must be removed.
5. Low structures, such as low tunnels, raised beds, and tool chests, are freely permitted up to a

height of 1 metre.

6. Cage structures consisting of nets, mesh, or similar materials are freely permitted up to a maximum of 50% of the plot area and a maximum height of 2.5 metres.

7. These rules apply to structures placed, modified, or replaced after these regulations enter into force. Upon termination of plot use, all structures must be removed unless transferred to a successor member with Board approval and in compliance with this article.

Article 6 – Ground Cover and Paving

1. Paving is permitted up to a maximum of 20% of the plot area and shall be properly installed and maintained. The use of a white or yellow sand base is prohibited.

2. Weed-control fabric and similar covering materials are permitted and are not included within this limitation, provided they are maintained in good condition and replaced when damaged or degraded. Wood chips, bark, grass, and similar natural coverings are permitted provided no nuisance is caused.

3. These rules apply to paving and coverings installed, modified, or replaced after these regulations enter into force. Upon termination of plot use, such materials must be removed unless transferred with Board approval and in compliance with this article.

Article 7 – Maintenance and Use of the Plot

1. The plot shall be used in accordance with the purpose of the complex and maintained so that no nuisance is caused. Neglect may result in the Board requiring restoration within a specified period.

2. Members shall comply with Board instructions concerning maintenance and use, remove weeds in a timely manner, and keep the plot accessible.

3. Members shall maintain a 30 cm weed-free strip between the plot and the path. For plots adjacent to the outer fence, members shall also maintain a 30 cm weed-free strip between the path and the outer fence.

4. Waste and surplus materials shall be removed promptly and shall not be stored on the plot. It is prohibited to place waste on paths, other plots, elsewhere on the complex, or outside the fence. Composting garden waste is permitted provided no nuisance is caused.

Article 8 – Water Use

1. The complex provides groundwater collection points (taps) for watering plots. Water shall be used carefully and efficiently.

2. It is prohibited to use mains water from the clubhouse for watering plots unless explicitly authorised by the Board.

3. Members may install a hose from their plot to a water point, provided it is installed and used without causing nuisance and is clearly marked with the plot number and water point number. Hoses may not remain connected when water is not being used. Filling watering cans takes priority when all water points are occupied.

4. Alterations or additions to water points are prohibited without Board approval. The Board may adopt additional rules regarding water use.

Article 9 – Crop Protection

1. Crop protection products may only be used if they are permitted under applicable European regulations for organic agriculture and authorised for use in the Netherlands by the Board for the Authorisation of Plant Protection Products and Biocides (Ctgb). Products shall be used in accordance with all applicable legislation and manufacturer instructions. Members must be able to present the original packaging upon request.

2. Crop protection products may only be applied between one hour before sunset and sunset and in a manner that does not cause nuisance, damage, or risk to others, neighbouring plots, the complex, or the environment.

3. The Board may adopt additional rules concerning crop protection.

Article 10 – Conduct, Order and Safety

1. Members, household members, and visitors shall behave in a manner that does not cause nuisance, damage, danger, or inconvenience. Children under 12 years of age may only enter the complex under the supervision of an adult.

2. Entering another member's plot without permission is prohibited.
3. Keeping animals on a plot is prohibited. Dogs are permitted if kept on a leash within the complex. Dogs may be off-leash only within the owner's plot and must not enter other plots. Owners must remove and dispose of dog waste.
4. Audio equipment is permitted provided that no audible disturbance is caused on neighbouring plots.
5. Open fires, fire pits, patio heaters, barbecues, gas burners, weed burners, and similar devices are prohibited, except during centrally organised association activities.
6. Association property may not be damaged, relocated, stored on a private plot, or used for purposes other than those intended without Board approval.
7. Overnight stays on the complex are prohibited. Motor vehicles may only be parked in designated parking areas.
8. Advertising signs, promotional activities, collections, and similar activities require Board approval.

Article 11 – Supervision and Enforcement

1. Board members and persons appointed by the Board shall have access to the complex and plots to monitor compliance with the Articles of Association, these regulations, Board decisions, and other applicable association rules.
2. Members shall comply with instructions issued by the Board or persons appointed by the Board concerning the use, maintenance, and management of the complex and plots.
3. Where a member acts in violation of the Articles of Association, these regulations, Board decisions, or other applicable rules, the Board shall notify the member in writing and provide a reasonable period to remedy the violation.
4. If a violation is not remedied within the specified period or is repeated, the Board may issue a second written warning.
5. If the same violation is committed again within one year after two written warnings, the Board may terminate the member's right to use the plot and/or terminate membership in accordance with the Articles of Association.
6. In urgent situations or cases involving serious violations, the Board may deviate from the above procedure and take immediate measures or propose termination of membership in accordance with the Articles of Association.

Article 12 – Termination of Plot Use

1. Notice of termination of membership or plot use for the following calendar year must be submitted in writing to the Board no later than 1 October.
2. Upon termination of membership or plot use, the member shall return the plot to the association in a clean, tidy, and good condition, in accordance with the obligations set out in these regulations.
3. The Board shall determine the inspection date and assess compliance with these obligations. If the member fails to comply, the Board may arrange the necessary work at the member's expense. The complex key must be returned to the Board, after which the key deposit shall be refunded.

Appendix A – Prohibited Invasive Alien Plant Species

For the application of Article 4, reference is made to the current Union List of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern issued by the European Commission.

Appendix B – Permitted Crop Protection Products

For the application of Article 9, only crop protection products permitted under current European regulations for organic agriculture and authorised for use in the Netherlands are allowed.