

Allotment guidelines

Cultivation

The most important rule for tenants is the 75% cultivation rule. You will be expected to cultivate 75% of the area of your plot, either for vegetables, fruit or flowers. The cultivated area can include all of your beds as well as any poly tunnels or composting. The remaining space can be used for your shed and leisure area. This area can include any fruit trees but we would suggest using a dwarf root stock, to ensure fruit trees remain manageable. Tree growth should not exceed two metres.

Paths

A narrow path of one metre width is allowed to run the full length of the plot. If your path exceeds one metre in width then it will be counted as part of the non-cultivated area. Your plot should be clearly marked with your plot number; this being the number stated on your invoice, this number must be clearly visible from the main pathway.

Three month probation period

All new Tenants on Calderdale managed allotment plots will have a three month probation period. In your first year you will not be expected to cultivate to 75 %. However, new tenants need to be aware that if they do not undertake a significant amount of work on the plot and achieve 50 % cultivation within this period then the tenancy may be terminated and the plot re-let.

Composting

We encourage allotment holders to compost on site any waste materials created on their plot, however we ask that tenants create contained heaps where possible. Ideally we would want tenants to compost kitchen scraps at home and then bring rotted down compost on to their plot to build soil fertility. This is because kitchen scraps provide vermin with an excellent food source on allotments and can result in a risk to the health and safety of tenants.

Should you require any more information regarding Calderdale Allotments, please contact Safer Cleaner Greener on 01422 284412.