

Frequently asked questions

How do I apply for an allotment?

Parks & Countryside have 97 sites, the majority of which are managed by associations. Please contact the allotments section on 0113 395 7432 for more information regarding vacancies, waiting list numbers and also for contact details for the association secretaries.

How much does an allotment cost?

Rental Charges for 2010/11:

A plot of 250m² - £30 per annum

A half plot of 125m² - £15 per annum

Plots in excess of 250m² are charged pro-rata

These charges are to be increased from October 2011 to:-

A full plot of 250m² - £35.00 per annum

A half plot of 125m² - £17.50 per annum

In addition, if there is a water supply on site each plot holder will be charged:-

£15 per full plot for water

£10 per half plot for water

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Concessions are available, please contact allotments section for more information.

How long are the waiting lists for allotment plots?

The majority of allotments in Leeds have waiting lists, please contact the allotment section or allotment association for more information.

Can I be on more than one waiting list?

You can add your name to more than one waiting list. However, if you are offered a plot on a site we ask that you contact the other sites where you have your name listed and ask for it to be removed.

What do I do if I want to give up my allotment plot?

Please contact the allotment section or allotment association when you decide to give up your plot. It can then be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Can I have a bonfire on my allotment?

Small fires are allowed on allotments, however the following rules are to be followed:

Any green waste that can be composted should be done so

Anything else is to be removed off site and disposed of at home

If a fire is necessary only dry green waste should be burned - this is to reduce the amount of smoke

Consideration should be given to other plot holders and surrounding properties

Small fires are permitted but plot holders should light these either first thing on a morning or last thing before leaving site - **Do not leave fires smouldering or unattended at any time**

Can I keep livestock on my allotment plot?

There are allotment sites in Leeds with livestock (hens and rabbits are allowed to be kept on allotments). Please contact the allotments section for a list of these sites. Some sites permit bee hives, if you are interested in keeping bees you must be a member of the British Bee Keepers' Association and have your own public liability insurance.

How do I get rubbish removed from my allotment plot?

Leeds City Council is unable to assist plot holders to remove rubbish inherited from previous tenants. It is normally the tenants' responsibility to remove rubbish to an appropriate amenity facility. Where possible tenants should compost any plant material.

If you have any other questions please contact the Allotments Section on 0113 395 7432 or email parks@leeds.gov.uk