

Manchester City Council

Plot Inspections

Tenants most important responsibility is to look after and maintain their plot.

This mean Tenants must keep their plot cultivated and free from weeds and keep the plot safe by removing rubbish. The plot must be kept free of hazards e.g. broken glass and scrap metal.

- Plots must be kept in a tidy, safe, productive and cultivated state.
- No more than 25% of a plot should be left uncultivated. Uncultivated areas might include lawn, paths, sheds, fallow areas or wildlife meadows.
- Weeds must not be allowed to reach the stage of setting seed. It is the responsibility of the tenant to keep the weeds under control on their plot.
- Cultivation includes digging, mulching, pruning and weeding and should be for the production of vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers or other ornamental plants. It is not sufficient to simply clear of weeds without using the area to produce a crop.

The Society will carry out regular inspections of allotment plots; normally these will be if your plot is found to be uncultivated, the society will write to you and will require you to respond within 14 days and rectify the issue.

If the issue is not rectified then the matter will be referred to the Council and the Council will issue notice on Schedule 2: Rule 2 of the tenancy agreement.

If, after one month, your plot is still uncultivated the plot will be repossessed. You will be given seven days following a Possession Order ('Notice to Quit') after which your tenancy will be terminated.

If you would like any of this information clarifying please speak to your society representative.