

Gardening

Maintenance and Weed Control

If you have a garden, drive or pathway at the property you let you will need to keep these areas weeded and tidy. Grass will need to be cut regularly, hedges trimmed and weeds kept under control.

Extract from Honey Lettings Tenancy Agreement (this will apply to nearly all of our tenants)

20.1 To keep the garden, paths and patio if applicable and any other areas of the garden, in the same condition and style as at the commencement of the Tenancy, weeded, tidy, and in good order. This clause is the Tenant's responsibility.

20.2 To cut the grass regularly during the growing season. This clause is the Tenants responsibility.

20.3 Not to lop, prune, remove or destroy an existing plants, trees or shrubs without the written consent of the Landlord or Agent apart from general pruning necessary to keep the garden in good order; however this should be limited to working from ground level only without requiring the use of a ladder or working platform.

If you have a lawn to maintain this would ideally be cut every week in the summer. If you have paddling pools or trampolines these should be moved regularly to prevent the grass dying underneath. If you leave the grass for too long you it will prove difficult to cut and maintain.

Hedges and shrubs should be maintained to keep their shape and prevent them from blocking paths and access. It is worth checking the suitable times of year to cut back flowering shrubs. If a neighbour reports that a tree, hedge or large shrub is becoming a nuisance report this to Honey Lettings or the Landlord before taking action.

Flowerbeds should be maintained and weeds removed. If you enjoy the flowers you will find that removing the dead heads will encourage new flowers.

In the Autumn leaves should be cleared from paths and collected for disposal. Leaves that are left on pathways may well become slippery and create a trip hazard.



Weeds, if left, can cause damage to pathways and drives and it is recommended that these be treated with a suitable herbicide such as "Roundup". Failure to do so may cause damage to paved areas that will then need to be rectified at the tenant's expense.

Disposal of garden waste must be undertaken by either a trip to the local waste site or via garden waste bags from the local council.

Gardening is a skill and knowing the difference between a weed and a plant is not always straightforward. If you are not sure you may wish to employ a gardener to help you keep the garden and maintain your responsibility as a tenant.