



What To Do If I Cannot Work My Plot

There are many reasons why a Tenant may be unable to work their plot. These could be short term – such as going on holiday – or long term, such as waiting for an operation.

If you are expecting to be unable to work your plot for more than a week, for whatever reason, you have several things you must do.

Firstly, keep the site reps and the Council informed. This is the best way to avoid getting letters about not cultivating your plot.

Secondly, find someone who can at least keep the weeds down and trim the grass. If you are unwell the Council will not expect you to cultivate your plot, but you will still be expected to make sure it doesn't cause a problem for other plot holders. It may be possible for you to pay the Council to get your grass trimmed, but you will still need to get the weeding done by someone.

Thirdly, if you are likely to be unwell for a long period, consider giving up your plot voluntarily. The advantage of this is that it removes the need for you to find someone to look after it, and you will be kept at the top of the waiting list for a new plot for when you are well enough to have an allotment again.

It is important to remember that you need to let the Council know the details of who will be looking after your plot, and give them an idea of how long it will be for (if you can). The Council is usually willing to let plots stay uncultivated for a while, as long as they are not becoming a nuisance to other tenants.