



# City of Mason

## Community Gardener Application and Release

1. Gardener name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gardening partner: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gardener address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Gardener phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner phone: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Gardener e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of plots this year (15' by 15') 1 Fee per plot \$ 10.00 Total plot fee paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you interested in volunteering your time in a community garden plot? Yes/No The community garden plot is where individuals volunteer their time to grow produce to donate to a local food bank. No fee is required to participate. However a \$10.00 donation is suggested.
8. If you are a new gardener, would you like an experienced gardener to help you? Yes/No  
If you are an experienced gardener, would you like to help a new gardener? Yes/No
9. Photo permission: from time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. Please check here  if you do not give permission for your photo to be published. If you do not give your permission, please let photographers know when you encounter them at the garden.
10. Phone and e-mail: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and e-mail address with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone and e-mail list is shared with all gardeners. Please check here  if you do not give permission to share your phone number and e-mail with all gardeners.

*By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Community Garden Guidelines (see on reverse side) and agree to abide by all of the rules established therein. I understand that neither the garden leaders nor the City of Mason are responsible for the actions of any gardeners or their guests, even if the actions result from a failure to enforce the Community Garden Guidelines or park rules. Neither the garden leaders nor the City of Mason makes any warranties as to the fitness of any particular produce for consumption and are not responsible for any injuries or damages related to gardening or the consumption of the produce. I therefore agree to release and hold harmless the City of Mason its insurer, and their elected officials and appointed officers, agents, employees, volunteers, successors and representatives of any kind for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.*

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Signature

Date

**\* \* \* Proud affiliate of The Garden Project \* \* \***



# Community Garden Guidelines

**Please read the guidelines and direct any questions or comments to the garden leaders.**

1. Plant your garden as soon as possible after plots have been assigned, and no more than two weeks after. This is important in order to get a good start on the growing season, and also to prevent weeds from getting out of hand. All gardeners are required to complete an application form.
2. Gardeners are prohibited from using synthetic chemicals (i.e. pesticides, herbicides, etc.).
3. **An application fee of \$10.00 is due by April 30, 2011 (April 1, 2011 for returning gardeners).**
4. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season. Please plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and assist with garden upkeep and special projects.
5. Keep your plot and the adjoining pathways tended. If your plot appears to be untended for a period of time and you haven't contacted the garden leader, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. Call your garden leader if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the leader know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.
6. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot. Tall plants (like corn and sunflowers) in a location that will not shade a neighbor's plot.
7. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.
8. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy. If your garden is not **cleaned-up by October 29**, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season or be reassigned to a new, smaller plot.
9. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost bin provided. Do not leave them in the pathway. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens. Old woody plants are to be placed in the brush pile to be carted to the compost center.
10. It is the responsibility of each gardener to remove from the garden and dispose of personal trash. Trash containers/service is not provided at this garden.
11. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another person's plot without their express approval.
12. Please do not leave the water on unattended. When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area, return tools to the shed and lock the shed before leaving the garden.
13. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
14. Pets, drugs (including alcohol), radios, boom boxes and fires are not allowed.
15. Please supervise children in the garden.
16. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders and police.
17. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY.
18. Garden hours are 8:00a.m. to 10:00p.m. during the months of May through October and 8:00a.m. to one-half hour after sunset during the months of November through April.
19. Park rules established in Chapter 46 of the Mason Code of Ordinances (hereto attached) apply to this garden.

**Violation of gardener guidelines or park rules subjects the violator to suspension or revocation of current and future gardening privileges.**