



APPLICATION AND RELEASE

MASON COMMUNITY GARDEN

Applicant:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Gardening Partner:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Plot Background

Are you applying for an individual garden plot? Yes No

Requested plot size: 15 feet x 15 feet 7.5 feet x 15 feet 8 feet x 4 feet raised bed

If you are a returning gardener, you will have the same plot assignment unless otherwise specified.

Do you want your plot tilled? Yes No

Are you interested in helping with the community donation garden plot? Yes No

The community garden plot is where individuals volunteer their time to grow produce to donate to local food banks.

Expectations:

Photography: From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. As a participant in the Mason Community Garden, you may appear in printed or published photographs.

Contact: All gardeners are required to share their e-mail address and phone number with members of the community garden.

Fees:

Application Fee.....\$15.00

If water use exceeds the amount collected for plot registration, a small additional fee may be required.

Donations to the Mason Community Garden are always greatly appreciated!

Applicant Certification:

I agree that I have read and understand the Application and 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.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES

Start planting your individual garden plot no later than May 31st. This is important in order to get a good start on the growing season and to prevent weeds from getting out of hand. Plot assignments will be available at the Reception desk at City Hall and at the Kick-Off Meeting in early May. Plan to attend to learn about the garden and meet other garden members.

Gardeners are prohibited from using synthetic chemicals (i.e. pesticides, herbicides) and manure. You will lose your gardening privileges if you use any prohibited product. Ask your garden leaders if you have questions.

The individual plot application fee of \$15.00. All plots must be paid for prior to planting.

Garden meetings are scheduled at the open and close of the season and occasionally during the growing season. Plan to attend to get to know your fellow gardeners and assist with garden upkeep and special projects.

Gardeners with personal plots are required to care for their individual plot, including managing weeds and pests. Each gardener is responsible to weed the pathway around their garden plot. In addition, each plot shall donate a minimum of 2 hours over the season for garden tasks at opening, closing or throughout the season. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the leaders know as soon as possible. Call your garden leaders if you have questions or need help. **If your plot is untended and weedy, you will be given a 10-day notice prior to your plot being cleared out. Your plot will be cleared out to prevent the weeds from spreading throughout the garden. You will also lose returning gardener status for next season.**

If you plant tall plants like corn and sunflowers, select a location in your plot where they will not interfere with or shade your neighbor's plot.

Illegal plants are prohibited.

Place weeds and dead plants into the compost bin. Do not leave them in the pathway. If you have any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds, these need to be removed from the garden and disposed of as trash.

It is the responsibility of each gardener to remove and dispose of personal trash.

Do not pick anything from another person's plot without their approval.

Do not leave the water on unattended. You must remain at the garden when watering. The main hydrant and the pathway hydrant should both be off when you leave the garden.

Tools in the locked shed are for shared use by all the gardeners. You may donate tools to the garden shed, but you may not store your personal tools in the shed.

Smoking, chewing tobacco, drug and alcohol use, radios and fires in the garden are prohibited.

Pets are prohibited; please leave them outside the fence.

Children must be supervised in the garden.

Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders and police.

Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors and ENJOY!

Garden hours are 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the months of May through October and 8:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset during the months of November through April.

At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants (including weeds) and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed from your garden area. **Your plot must be cleaned out by end of season** If it is not cleaned out, you will lose your returning gardener status for next season. You may leave fall crops and perennials if you plan to keep your plot next year.

Park rules established in Chapter 46 of the Mason Code of Ordinances apply to this garden.

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

File Application and Pay Fee at Mason City Hall, 1st floor