

Plot Assignment (s)

(to be completed by Garden Plot Manager)

Mountain Community Garden Registration

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone (home) _____ (work) _____
Email address _____

Are you new to gardening?

_____ Yes _____ No

Are you knowledgeable about organic gardening methods and techniques?

_____ Yes _____ No

What do you plan to grow in your plot ? _____

A membership fee of \$60 is required for all participants in the Garden for one plot (for May through October) or \$75 (for year-round gardening). Fees must be paid before the plot can be assigned. The fees are used to pay expenses of the Community Garden (water bills, insurance, tools, supplies, etc.).

Additional plots may be available for \$35 for each seasonal plot and \$45 for each year-round plot, however we may not be able to determine what's available until late May of each year. Each gardener is expected to help with food bank bed preparation, planting and with general garden chores during the season and year-round if you have a year-round plot. Maintenance chores will be assigned to all but we will try to take your choices into consideration. Additional requirements are specified in the Mountain Community Garden Contract, Rules, Terms and Conditions for Participation, below.

Please mark three preferences for maintenance tasks:

- ___ Mowing
- ___ Weeding
- ___ Construction projects
- ___ Watering
- ___ Composting
- ___ Food Bank Harvesting and Delivery

I have read and signed the Community Garden Rules and understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of gardening privileges.

Signature _____ Date _____

MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

The Mountain Community Garden will strive to operate under a democratic, transparent process. Garden membership is open to all community members. All members help to determine how the garden operates. Day-to-day operations are the responsibility of the Community Garden members. Mountain Community Garden is part of Mountain Community Co-op and Co-op members and others may volunteer in the Garden as well after a signed “hold harmless” agreement has been signed and participation approved by the Garden Coordinators.

Garden site registration begins Feb 15, and sites will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If plots are not leased by May 1, garden members will plant remaining beds for the food bank or use them for experimental or demonstration gardening plots.

Payment for plots is due no later than May 1.

All gardeners are expected to maintain their own plots and surrounding areas (weed-free) as well as assisting in maintaining the communal Garden areas. Participants will agree to assigned shared chores. If users don't participate at the expected level, you will receive three warnings (described below) from the Membership Garden Coordinator. After that, you forfeit your plot including all plants and produce. Produce will be donated to the food bank.

Opportunities to participate will be provided through periodic work parties and routine assignments of work tasks to all members. All users will sign a contract agreeing to terms of participation including a “hold harmless” agreement.

Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plot.

1. You will receive one verbal or written warning.
2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice one week later.
3. In another week, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and only at the discretion of the Garden membership.
5. If we are unable to locate you to notify you of issues or problems associated with caring for your plot, any remaining produce will be donated to the food bank.

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of the Mountain Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. I agree to pay the annual membership fee for the use of the garden (\$60 for primary growing season, March through October, or \$75 for year-round due upon registration). **If I purchase a year-round plot, I am also responsible for assisting in maintaining the Garden year-round. If I lease an additional plot I agree to pay \$35 for the primary season and \$45 for year-round growing. I understand that there are no refunds and that all payments must be received by May 1.**

3. Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it by **no later than June 15**. I will garden throughout the season (May through October), or year-round if I choose that option. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer, during May through October. My produce must be harvested and not allowed to rot. Unharvested produce will be removed and donated to the food bank. If I am not using my plot for winter crops, and by no later than October 30, I will prepare my plot for winter with a cover crop or natural mulch that is beneficial to the soil. **Seasonal plots will be winterized (all weeds and plants will be removed, (unless viable fall crops are still growing and the Garden Coordinator approves of them remaining so we can harvest for the food bank).**

4. My individual assigned plot(s) consists of the 10 x 4 ft raised bed (total 40 square feet). I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to shade adjacent plots. I must keep my plot and the surrounding area free of weeds, pests and diseases. I will use my assigned area, if I request it, in the communal garden established for planting tall or trellised plants (corn, sunflowers, pumpkins, etc.) and sprawling plants (pumpkin and other squash, etc.).

5. I will use only organic gardening techniques and will not apply any chemical pesticides or herbicides in the garden and consult with the Garden coordinators regarding use of organic pesticides or herbicides.

6. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will completely remove my trash and compost acceptable dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts. I will put only garden compostable materials in the areas designated specifically for this and place weeds in the designated location. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the Garden. I will not leave litter in the Garden. **I will get approval from the Garden Coordinators¹ before placing non-plant items in the Garden.**

7. I will not plant any illegal, noxious or invasive plants. I will not grow Cannabis in my plot.

8. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots or the communal area unless within my assigned communal planting area. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.

9. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will behave respectfully, will not play loud music or be excessively loud while in the Garden.

10. I will not bring weapons to the garden I will not use motor vehicles in the Garden with the exception of mowing common areas when assigned.

11. I understand that pets (dogs) in the Garden are not encouraged. If I do bring my dog, I will only bring him/her on a leash and will only permit my pet in the area designated for a pet. While I am working in the Garden, I understand that my pet must be secured only in the designated area. If my pet is not friendly to other dogs or people, I understand he/she is not permitted. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my pet. I will clean up any waste left by my pet.

12. Guests, visitors, and children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests and children.

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13. The garden coordinator will assign me general garden maintenance tasks throughout the season and I understand that I must complete them by the dates and times that I am assigned.

14. I will use the existing drip irrigation provided and water my plot according to water-wise guidelines. I will store hoses as directed.

15. I will attend an initial orientation meeting, and any required meetings (no more than 3/year). **I will attend a minimum of two work parties during the season, when they are announced. If I cannot attend a scheduled work party I will accept, and complete garden maintenance tasks as assigned.**

16. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

17. I understand that neither the Mountain Community Garden group, the Mountain Community Co-op nor partners in the Garden, nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY GARDEN, MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CO-OP AND ANY OTHER GARDEN PARTNERS, AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Commitment

I have read and understand the application, and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Mountain Community Garden.

Signed: _____
Gardener

Date: _____

Signed: _____
Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Garden Coordinator

Date: _____