

# Mason Community Garden Community Gardener Application & Release

Gardener name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gardening partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gardener address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gardener email: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for an individual garden plot? **Yes / No**

Which plot size do you prefer? \_\_\_ 15' x 15' **OR** \_\_\_ 7.5' x 15' **OR** \_\_\_ 8' x 4' raised bed?

**Returning gardeners have the same plot assignment, unless otherwise requested.**

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.**

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 email address and phone number with members of the community garden.

Monies enclosed:     \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Application fee for individual garden plot (\$20.00)  
                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Grow a Row. Garden a 15' row instead of a whole plot. \$5/row.  
                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation for Mason Community Garden  
                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount enclosed**

**Please make checks payable to Mason Community Services; be sure to note the payment is for your Mason Community Garden plot in the memo field, plus any additional donation information.**

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

*By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Application and the Community Garden Guidelines (see reverse side) and agree to abide by all of the rules established therein. I understand that neither the garden leaders, Mason Community Services, 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, Mason Community Services, nor the City of Mason make 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 agree to follow and abide by the Garden Appeal Process to resolve any issues.*

*I therefore agree to release and hold harmless Mason Community Services and the City of Mason, their insurers, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Application with Fee to: Mason Community Services, 118 W. Oak St., Suite 103, Mason MI 48854**

## **Mason Community Garden Guidelines**

**\*\*\* Proud affiliate of The Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project \*\*\***

1. Start planting your garden plot no later than 2 weeks after getting your plot. This is important in order to get a good start on the growing season and to prevent weeds from getting out of hand. Plan to attend the Kick-Off Meeting to learn about the garden and meet other garden members.
2. 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.
3. The individual plot application fee is \$20.00. All plots must be paid for prior to planting.
4. 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.
5. 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 to prevent the weeds from spreading throughout the garden. Gardeners with abandoned plot(s) will lose returning gardener status for next season.
6. 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.
7. Illegal plants are prohibited, including Cannabis, which is illegal at the Federal level.
8. 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, completely remove them from the garden and dispose of them as trash.
9. It is the responsibility of each gardener to remove and dispose of personal trash.
10. Do not pick anything from another person's plot without their approval.
11. 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.
12. 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
13. Smoking, chewing tobacco, drug and alcohol use, radios and fires are prohibited in the garden.
14. Pets are prohibited; please leave them outside the fence.
15. Children must be supervised while 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 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the months of May through October and
19. 8:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset during the months of November through April.
20. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants, 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 the 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.
21. 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.**