

Crawfordsville Community Garden Application

My name is: _____

My address is: _____

My telephone # is: _____ Alternative #: _____

My email address is: _____

My preferred method of contact is: ___ telephone or ___ email.

I would like to request ___ plot(s) in the Crawfordsville Community Garden for this garden season. If there are any special requests regarding your garden plot, explain here:

I have read and signed the Crawfordsville Community Garden Rules, and agree to abide by all rules listed. (Applications that are not accompanied by a signed copy of the Garden Rules will be returned to the applicant.)

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STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT:

- I agree to follow the Rules for the Crawfordsville Community Garden.
- I agree to pay \$20 to cover the cost of gardening for the season (per plot). I understand that \$10 will be refunded to me upon satisfactory cleanup of my garden plot by the end of the gardening season.
- I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks out to: Sustainable Indiana, Inc. Cash and credit cards are NOT accepted. Applications packets (along with signed copy of the Garden Rules) can be dropped off at Golden Creek Gardens during business hours or mailed to:

Sustainable Indiana, Inc. / 213 N. Davis St. / Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Crawfordsville Community Garden Rules

- ❑ Gardeners can officially garden at the Crawfordsville Community Garden after submitting a signed copy of the Garden Application (accompanied by payment of the fee and a signed copy of the Garden Rules), after plots have been assigned and after the official opening of the garden season.
- ❑ Plots will not be assigned until after the Garden Application has been signed and submitted, the Garden Rules have been signed and submitted, and after fees have been paid.
- ❑ Ensuring enjoyable gardening experience for all of the garden community is the primary goal of these rules and responsibilities. For this reason, observe the rules of the garden, and be a good neighbor.
- ❑ The Garden's Steering Committee has the duty of enforcing rules and making decisions for the garden between annual meetings of all gardeners. They have authority to resolve conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener or dismissing a current gardener.
- ❑ Each person must apply each year for a plot but returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish. The number of plots per gardener may be limited according to demand and they are assigned on a first come/first serve basis.
- ❑ If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or the coordinator for help with weeding and harvesting.
- ❑ Generally visit your plot at least once each week.
- ❑ If you decide not to use your plot, please contact the registrar so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by June 1st, it will be reassigned. There will be no refunds on plot fees paid.
- ❑ If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After one week of no action, your plot may be reassigned.
- ❑ Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, and straw are encouraged. Carpet mulch or stone is not allowed. Remove any non organic mulch by closing day. No wood chips as mulch. They do not biodegrade quickly. Black plastic is allowed, but must be removed at the end of the season. (Note: Make sure that you batten it down well, so that it does not flap in the wind and damage your plants or another's plants.)
- ❑ *Please do not plant mint, catnip, Jerusalem artichokes, comfrey or raspberries, or any other invasive species of plant!* If you have questions about whether or not a plant is invasive, please ask.
- ❑ Keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbor's plants. (You should be OK if you orient your rows so that they run East and West. However, if it can be shown that a plant shades another person's plant, then the offending plant will have to be removed.)

- Keep vines and visitors out of neighboring plots. Please stay within your own space and the communal areas, such as the central aisle. *You are responsible for the behavior of your guests at all times!*
- Do not pick from your neighbor's garden even if you think they have neglected their plot.
- Keep plot boundaries weeded and trash-free. If you are on a pathway, you are responsible to care for 1/2 of the pathway between you and your neighbor. Keep plot edges and fencing free of weeds that will go to seed. Don't put rocks and sticks in paths. Take them to the rock-and-stick area.
- If you use the garden's tools, please return them to where you obtained them.
- Plant refuse piles are set up for weeds and diseased plants. Please use these designated areas. No trash in the piles, please. Please do not add kitchen scraps to the plant refuse piles because they are likely to draw animals.
- Pack your trash back home to dispose of properly.
- Stakes that mark your plot's corners and have your plot number and name must be left in place all season.
- Never use any herbicides (weedkillers), and only organic pesticides can be used. A list of pest control products and tips will be provided.
- No pets in the garden.
- Plots must be planted or at least prepared for planting (weed free) by May 15.
- Plots must be cleaned up by November 1st.
- The Garden Rules are subject to change and/or modification by a majority vote of the Community Garden Steering Committee.
- This will be a public place. Please don't leave anything that you are attached to. Be a good gardener!
- Let's all work together to make this one of the best community gardens anywhere! Please feel free to offer your suggestions and new ideas. We are always open to learning new ways of doing things.

Note: Please keep this copy of the Crawfordsville Garden Rules for your reference during the gardening season.