



GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION

FIRST NAME _____
 LAST NAME _____
 STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____
 E-MAIL _____

LIST OTHERS WHOM YOU ANTICIPATE WILL WORK IN YOUR GARDEN PLOT BESIDES YOU

CHECK ✓ THE GARDEN LOCATION THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RENTING FOR 2011:

**Residents living within the Creston neighborhood will be given preference for plot availability*

____ Carrier Street Garden ____ Carman Street Garden

CHECK ✓ IF APPLICABLE:

____ Yes, I am interested in renting a wheelchair accessible plot ____ Yes, I am interested in renting a second plot, if one is available

FEE RENTAL PER 10X20 PLOT IS \$20/YEAR (+\$10 DEPOSIT)

**\$10 deposit can be refunded when you clean up your plot at the end of the season per the garden agreement contract*

**Following clean up this \$10 deposit can be rolled into next year's garden deposit and will reserve your plot*

**\$20 plot fee received will help pay for the water supply and compost*

CHECK ✓ PAYMENT TYPE: ____ Cash ____ Check

*Make check's payable to: Creston Neighborhood Association
 Include in Memo Line: Community Garden Plot Fee*

CHECK ✓ ONE IF YOU REQUEST FINANCIAL AID TO HELP PAY THE \$30 FEE:

____ Payment Plan ____ Reduced Fee ____ Scholarship

WE ENCOURAGE EACH GARDENER TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST 5 VOLUNTEER HOURS ANNUALLY TO MAINTAIN THE COMMON AREAS OF THE GARDEN OR ASSIST WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

CHECK ✓ OR DESCRIBE YOUR AREA(S) OF INTEREST:

____ Garden committee ____ Path maintenance ____ Shed tidying and cleanup
 ____ Perimeter garden care ____ Fall cleanup ____ Compost maintenance
 ____ Organizing social events ____ Other (describe) _____

COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT CONTRACT

Creston Community Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan

- I will pay a membership fee of \$20 for a garden plot, plus a refundable \$10 deposit. Total cost is \$30.
- I will have something planted in my garden plot by June 1, 2012 otherwise my garden plot will be considered abandoned.
- I will respect the gardening hours established by the garden coordinators.
- I will respect the surrounding residential neighbors.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden coordinators.
- I will keep weeds down and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- As much as is possible I will participate in the life of the garden *community*.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given two week's notice to clean it up. After that time, it will be reassigned or tilled in.
- If I borrow the tools provided by the garden, I will return them to their proper storage.
- If I notice any damage to the property I will inform the garden coordinators.
- I will clean up litter any time I see it on or near the community garden.
- If possible I will participate in garden volunteer days, including spring digging and fall clean-up of the garden.
- I will plant tall crops only where they do not shade neighboring plots.
- I will conscientiously use the water supplies, recognizing that there is no municipal water running to the site.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot's gardener.
- I will use organic gardening methods and materials, avoiding synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and weed repellents. (If you are struggling with invasive plants/pests/disease, please contact the garden committee for recommendations on how to treat them in an organic manner).
- If able, I agree to volunteer at least 5 hours annually toward community garden efforts such as weeding, picking up garbage, welcoming garden guests, participating in garden committee meetings, etc.
- I will not share the lock code for the tool shed with anyone who is not a registered gardener. If I think the code has been given to non-members, I will inform the garden coordinators immediately.
- I understand that I am responsible for my guests and myself as outlined in the Garden Liability Waiver that I included with my registration.

Signature: _____ Date _____

LIABILITY WAIVER, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Creston Community Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Liability Waiver

I, _____ have reviewed, understand, and agree to abide by the policies relative to use of the Creston Community Gardens and understand that use of any one of the Creston Community Gardens may be denied if policies or rules are not followed.

To assume full responsibility for myself, my property, and my guests while participating in the Creston Community Gardens I hereby agree to expressly assume and accept all risks associated with gardening and the use of the Creston Community Gardens including, but not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, soil conditions, temperature, physical exertion, insect/rodent exposure, chemical exposure and actions of other people.

I understand that my use of the Creston Community Gardens is voluntary and I do so at my own risk. In consideration of being allowed to use one or both of the Creston Community Gardens, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my executor's, etc. to waive, release, and forever discharge Creston Community Gardens, St. Alphonsus Catholic Parish, Creston Christian Reformed Church, Plainfield United Methodist Church, Creston Neighborhood Association and all other participating partners their officers, agents, employees, representatives, the garden team leaders, and all others from any and all responsibilities or liability for injuries (including death), damages or loss including claims or causes of action, including those caused by the negligent acts or omissions of any of those mentioned, resulting from my use of the Creston Community Garden or in any activities connected with the community garden.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(if two people share a plot, both should sign)

Gardener Information

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

PLEASE DROP OFF OR MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS: GARDEN APPLICATION FORM, SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT CONTRACT AND WIAVER OF LIABILITY, AND PAYMENT TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Creston Neighborhood Association
205 Carrier Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Plainfield United Methodist Church
214 Spencer Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Creston Christian Reformed Church
238 Spencer Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

St. Alphonsus Parish
224 Carrier Street NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

More Information:

Website - crestoncommunitygardens.org
Facebook Page - Creston Community Gardens

Questions or Concerns:

Email - crestoncommunitygardens@gmail.com
Telephone - (616)-755-8619

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

DATE RECEIVED: _____

PROCESSED BY: _____

___ *SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GARDEN AGREEMENT CONTRACT*

___ *SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GARDEN WAIVER OF LIABILITY*

___ *\$30 PAYMENT (\$20 APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS)*

___ *\$10 GARDEN DEPOIT REFUND*
(END OF SEASON PLOT CLEANUP)

___ *ROLL \$10 GARDEN DEPOSIT INTO PLOT RESERVATION*
(FOR NEXT GARDEN SEASON)

FINANCIAL AID – REDUCED DUES APPROVED

(ADVISORY COMMITTEE SIGNATURE)

GARDEN PLOT NUMBER _____ *DATE ASSIGNED* _____

PLACED ON WAITING LIST (DATE) _____