

Community Garden Application and Agreement

The Community Gardens are operated collectively by gardeners on lands owned by Sequatchie County. Our continued use of this land depends on maintaining respectful relationships with all partners, the surrounding communities, and our fellow gardeners. As such, and to ensure appropriate safety conditions are met, the Sequatchie County Master Gardener requires all gardeners to abide by these rules and agree to the waivers below.

* Required

APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME *

2. Email *

Please enter an email

3. Phone Number *

The value must be a number

4. Address (Street, City, Zip Code) *

5. Please briefly describe your past gardening experiences:

6. Are you willing to share your gardening expertise with someone new to gardening ?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure at this time

7. Are you someone new to gardening and looking for guidance ?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure at this time

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GARDEN RULES

8. If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following policies, terms, and conditions.

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of the Sequatchie Valley Master Gardener's Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is \$10 per plot, per year, per household and is due on or before **February 15th**.
3. I will only plant in the plot assigned to my name by the Garden Coordinator.
4. I will have some activity in my plot by **May 1st** or I may be considered in violation of rules and have to forfeit my plot
5. I will remove plant material and garden equipment from my plot by **November 15th** unless otherwise arranged with the Garden Coordinator
6. I will notify the Garden Coordinator of my plans for insect and fungal control
7. I will never use herbicides in the garden.
8. I will not plant perennial or bi-annual plants, only annuals
9. I will pick and remove ripe produce promptly to avoid theft and waste
10. I will not take food or plants from other gardener's plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine
11. I will put compostable materials only in the compost area
12. My plot is 6 x 4 feet. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all of my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than 5 feet high. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
13. I will ensure the paths surrounding my plot will be free of debris
14. I will respect the garden's property, use shared equipment with care, return them to the shed promptly and store them neatly
15. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or use illegal drugs in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
16. Guest and visitors, including children over the age of 5, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will always supervise my children/guests when they are in the garden.
17. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my children/guests. I will bear the cost of any damage caused by my children/guests.
18. I will not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give my key or lock combination to another person.
19. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
20. I will not bring pets or other animals to the community garden

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☐ I have read, understood and agree to comply with the Garden Rules above*

9. Photo Permission: From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. Do you give permission for your photo to be published ? (If you choose no, you do not give permission, please let the photographers know when you encounter them at the garden) *

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Phone and email: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and email address with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone and email list is shared with all gardeners. Do you do give permission for your phone number and email to be shared with all gardeners ? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

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VIOLATIONS

11. The cooperation of all gardeners is needed to ensure the Sequatchie County Master Gardeners Community Garden runs smoothly. If a gardener violates the agreed-upon rules, the violation will be addressed as follows:

- The gardener will receive first notice by email or phone to discuss the situation, indicating the problem and deadline for correction. A reasonable amount of time will be given.
- If the problem is not corrected by the deadline, the gardener will receive a second and final notice restating the problem and providing a final deadline for corrections. The consequences of failing to remedy the situation: immediate plot forfeiture.

☐ I have read and understand the violation process*.

HOLD HARMLESS & INDEMINIFICATION

12. The gardener shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its agents and employees, from any and all liability and expenses to the gardener or any third parties for claims, personal injuries, property damage, or loss of life resulting from, or in any way connected with, or alleged to have arisen from, the performances of this agreement, except where the proximate cause of such injury, damage, or loss was the sole negligence of the County.

☐ I have read, understood and am in agreement with the Hold Harmless and Indemnification terms*

Signature

Date