



Wenatchee Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

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COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION

Due to the open nature of garden sites, the City of Wenatchee is not responsible for loss of produce.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Day Phone: _____

Garden plot assignments will be filled on a first-come, first served basis.

- I am a new gardener.
- I am a returning gardener requesting my same plot number: #_____.
- I am a returning gardener requesting a plot change.
- I would like to reserve _____ number of plots at \$15 Wenatchee City Residents/\$16.50 Non-City Residents per plot for a total due of \$_____.
- I would like to use the storage shed.

Applications are accepted beginning the SECOND TUESDAY of JANUARY and plots are reserved on a first come first reserved basis. You may begin gardening as soon as you receive confirmation of your plot assignment

The undersigned adult on behalf of themselves, their child and/or children agree to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Wenatchee, its officers, officials, employees and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments or costs of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities of said individual in the City of Wenatchee programs excepts for those acts or omissions which are the sole negligence of the City of Wenatchee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Paid By: _____

Plot Number: _____

Community Garden Rules

Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for all gardeners is a primary goal of the City of Wenatchee. Please respect your fellow gardeners and remember that gardening in a City of Wenatchee Community Garden is a privilege.

1.0 USE AND MAINTENANCE

- 1.1 The Community Gardens is open to the public and subject to the following rules as well as other rules of the City of Wenatchee. When you reserve a plot(s) and you will be provided the combination to the entry gate lock. Please be sure to make sure the gate is closed and locked upon your exit and do not share the combination with others to help ensure that the garden remains secure when not in use.
- 1.2 Each garden plot is four feet wide by eight feet long.
- 1.3 Water is available from approximately April 15 to October 15. You will be instructed on how to access the water when your plot reservation is made.
- 1.4 The annual dues for each plot, include the use of water. Fees are set annually.
- 1.5 The maximum number of plots that a single gardener/address may reserve is two.
- 1.6 The City will assign plots in the spring on a first reserved first assigned basis. Gardeners may request specific plots. Plot assignments will be made with the following priorities: First, continuing gardeners requesting the same plot. Second, continuing gardeners requesting a different plot; third new gardeners; fourth, requests for second annual plots; and fifth, late applicants.
- 1.7 During the garden season from the time of assignment through October 31, everyone must maintain their plot(s).
- 1.8 You must notify the City when you no longer want to be responsible for your plot. You cannot give your plot to others.
- 1.9 During the gardening season, the City monitors plot usage. When plots are untended for more than two weeks, gardeners will be contacted by phone or email and asked to take care of the plot by a certain date. If the City contacts you about an untended plot two times in one year and your plot becomes untended a third time, the City will reassign the plot without further notice or refund.

- 1.10 Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, soil amendments, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, and watering, etc.
- 1.11 Garden plots are used for growing vegetables and flowers for the gardener's own use or for donation to charitable organizations. Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial use is prohibited. Growing shrubs and trees is prohibited.
- 1.12 All perennial plant material, semi-permanent structures, wire cages, etc. must be removed when gardener discontinues gardening and no later than October 31st. Individual gardeners are responsible for clearing the plots and returning them to their original weed-free condition so that they may be assigned to new gardeners. Any abandoned plant material will be removed and the gardener assessed the cost associated with the cleanup. The 2023 rate is \$65 per hour.
- 1.13 Gardeners should place any unwanted plant materials in the designated trash receptacle. Do not pile weeds and rocks in the pathways. Place bagged, non-plant materials (plastic, wire, trash) in the designated trash receptacle.
- 1.14 Since plots are close together, gardeners should endeavor to keep their borders free from weeds or other materials that may impact the enjoyment of neighboring plots. If it is not corrected, the City may deny the gardener a plot in the following year.
- 1.15 Tall plants (such as corn, sunflowers, or tall trellised plants) that cast extensive shade should be planted where they will not impact adjoining gardens. You must contact the City of Wenatchee before building any structure in your plot. Permanent structures are not allowed in plots.

2.0 GARDEN ORGANICALLY (NO pesticides, NO herbicides, NO weedkillers, NO artificial fertilizers)

- 2.1 The use of chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, and chemical fertilizers is strictly forbidden (examples include Round Up and Miracle Grow). Use of raw human or animal waste, including "hot or green" manure is not allowed due to environmental and health concerns; however, fully composted manures such as steer or chicken manures are allowed. You may also use other organic fertilizers such as fish meal, bone meal, kelp meal, etc.).

3.0 MISCELLANEOUS

- 3.1 Dogs and other pets are NOT allowed in the garden area at any time.
- 3.2 There is no smoking allowed in the garden at any time.

- 3.3. Use common courtesy and resolve differences in a neighborly way. For problems with fellow gardeners, stay polite and listen carefully; usually solutions are easily reached. Verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated. Contact the City of Wenatchee for more serious difficulties.
- 3.4. Each plot has water service. Gardeners will be provided a water key at the time of reservation. Please conserve water as much as possible. Water is to be used only for gardening. Water is turned off during the winter (usually in early to mid-October). Gardeners must return their key at the end of the season. Replacing lost keys is the financial responsibility of the Gardener.
- 3.5. Plants of an invasive nature (such as bamboo or English ivy) are not allowed. Plants on the State's Noxious Weed List are not allowed anywhere in the garden and must be pulled if identified. To learn more about the current list of noxious or invasive plants go to <http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious>.
- 3.6. Containers of standing water should be avoided, because they can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes.
- 3.7. Gardeners must provide their own tools. When not in use, tools, hoses, and other equipment may not be left in the garden area or walkways. Walkways and sidewalks must remain clear. Communal storage is available in the garden shed. The combination to the door lock will be provided to you at the time of reservation if you wish to use the space. **The City is not responsible for lost or stolen tools.** Please be sure to lock the shed when you leave.
- 3.8. Loud radios are prohibited.
- 3.9. Tires are not allowed.
- 3.10. Closely supervise your children; help them learn respect for gardening and boundaries. Children using tools in the garden must be under direct and constant supervision of a parent or responsible adult. "Direct" means to be within talking distance.
- 3.11. Removal of vegetables, flowers, or garden equipment without the owner's consent, or the intentional damage to a garden plot is subject to prosecution. A member witnessing or experiencing garden theft or vandalism should notify police by calling 509-663-9911 to file a report, as well as the City of Wenatchee Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at 509-888-3284.

- 3.12 Volunteer hours are not required in the garden, however please help keep the walkways and the garden area free of weeds and litter. Trash and organic waste containers are located by the garden shed.

Due to the open nature of garden sites within public parks and facilities, the City of Wenatchee is not responsible for loss of produce or tools. Use of the community garden is at your own risk.

Any gardener found to be in violation of the community garden rules will be asked to leave the garden and forfeit their plot. Refunds will not be issued.

The undersigned, has read, understands and agrees to abide by the Community Garden Rules. If I find that I cannot successfully accomplish this, I will notify the City so my assigned plot can be reassigned to another gardener.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OKANOGAN STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN - 214 Okanogan Avenue

