



2023 Hinckley Township Community Garden Application

Name _____ Date _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please indicate two areas you are willing to assist with this season.

Each gardener is expected to share in the overall maintenance and operation of the Community Garden.

Site maintenance Mailings Phone calls

Composting Pathway care Flower plantings

I have read the Community Garden Rules enclosed, and I understand that a failure to comply may result in the loss of my assigned plot. **I also agree to release all claims upon Hinckley Township as follows:**

I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Hinckley Township Community Garden Program and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the program, its nature, risks, or hazards, I have contacted the appropriate Hinckley Township official and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Hinckley Township Community Garden Program, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents, and assigns, do hereby release and forever discharge Hinckley Township, and its Board of Trustees, and employees for all claims and damages, demands and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to legal action against Hinckley Township, and its Board of Trustees for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

Signature _____ Date _____

Assigned Plot Number Requested _____ Date Planned to Start Gardening _____



General Community Garden Rules & Guidelines

The Hinckley Community Garden was established to provide an opportunity for Hinckley Residents to gather together and garden in a designated open space located between the Fire Station and Service Department on Ridge Road. Since its inception in 2012, fourteen 8x8 raised garden plots with garden friendly wood were installed with perimeter fencing, an entrance gate, stone walkways, access to water with garden hose and a compost tumbler added.

Registration for new and renewal begins April 1st through the end of May on a first come first basis. After May 31st, if any open lots, registered gardeners may request a secondary plot. *Previous gardeners will maintain their assigned garden plot, unless they choose differently at time of registration where open plots are available.*

- 1) Gardeners may contact the Township should there be questions related to the community garden.
(Notices to Gardeners related to Township Communication will be by email by Administrative Office.)
- 2) Gardeners shall keep the garden fencing free from vegetation growth.
(Gardeners shall contact the Administrative Office if fencing and or gate is found to be loose or in need of repair.)
- 3) Gardeners shall keep their garden plots free from weeds and debris. Failure to comply may result in the loss of the assigned plot. *(Any garden plot that is unmaintained or unattended will be covered with notice.)*
- 4) Gardeners may utilize the tumbling composter located at the south end of the Community Garden to dispose of spent vegetation. (No garbage or weed waste – garbage can in the proximity may be used)
- 5) Gardeners shall maintain garden walkways.
- 6) Gardeners are prohibited from use of chemicals, traps or pesticides (i.e. vegetation and insect/rodent control).
- 7) Gardeners shall clean up their respective garden by the end of October so the Service Department may cover with a black tarp for the winter season.
- 8) When the gardener has completed the Community Garden Application to register for the garden plot, the Administration Office will contact the Service Department to remove the black tarp. *The black tarp will remain until the garden plot has been assigned to a gardener.*
- 9) When you sign up for the Community Garden, you agree to share your contact information with fellow gardeners to promote communication and support when needed. A roster and garden map will be forwarded through email correspondence.