



## Community Garden Plot Registration 2024

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### Please Print

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (No box numbers, please) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Garden Plot Choices

#### Community Garden Rental

*Please complete the following if using a credit card:*

☐ 20' x 20' Plot: Resident \$20 / Non-resident \$30

☐ 10' x 10' Plot: Resident \$10 / Non-resident \$20

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Oswegoland Park District Waiver And Release of All Claims and Assumption of Risk

Please read this carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this program/activity, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this program (including transportation services/vehicle operation, when provided).

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program/activity, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity, that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of said participation. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this program/activity against the Oswegoland Park District, including its officials, agents, volunteers, and employees (hereinafter collectively referred to as Oswegoland Park District). I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the district from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this program/activity.

#### Warning of Risk:

Recreational programs and activities are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental, and emotional resources of each participant. Despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning, and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury when participating in any recreational program. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. Depending on the particular activity, participants must understand that certain risks, dangers, and injuries due to inclement weather, slipping, falling, poor skill level or conditioning, carelessness, horseplay, unsportsmanlike conduct, premises defect, inadequate or defective equipment, inadequate supervision, instruction or officiating, and all other circumstances inherent to indoor, outdoor, and water related recreational programs exist. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Oswegoland Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

#### Photo/Video Authorization:

Photos and video footage are periodically taken of people participating in a Park District program or activity, attending a class or event, or using District facilities or property. Please be aware that by registering for a program or class, participating in an activity, attending an event, or using District facilities or property, you authorize the District to use these photos and video footage for promotional purposes in District publications, advertising, marketing materials, brochures, event flyers, social media (including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and other social media sites operated by the District), and the District's website without additional prior notice or permission and without any compensation to you. All photos and videos are property of the District.

I read and I understand the "Waiver and Release" as printed above, and I have read, signed, and I understand the Community Garden Agreement as printed on the back of this form.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of adult renting community garden plot.

Garden Plot Number Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Garden Agreement 2024

The Oswegoland Park District will prepare the garden plot for planting, stake out 20’x20’ and 10’x10’ plots, identify each plot by number, and make water accessible to gardeners.

## Important Dates

- Mar 1 Priority registration for returning gardeners
- Apr 1 Open registration
- May 1 Garden plots open, weather permitting
- Nov Garden plots must be cleared of materials

## Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

1. I agree to abide by the policies and practices outlined in this document. The fee for the use of the garden is \$20(R)/\$30(N) per 20’x20’plot, \$10(R)/\$20(N) per 10’x10’ plot, for the season.
2. Plots are assigned, giving priority to returning gardeners first, then on a first come/first serve basis. I will have the right of first refusal to my plot for the following season. I will have something planted in my garden by May 31 and keep it planted and weeded all summer long.
3. Plots that have not been used by May 31 may be reassigned to someone else. There will be no refunds, unless you notify the Community Garden Coordinator at 630.554.1010 by May 31.
4. I will not expand my plot beyond its measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden.
5. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Should my garden become unkempt, I will be notified by the Community Garden Coordinator and work out a maintenance plan. If I am unable to maintain the garden I understand it will be mowed or tilled by the Park District.
6. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean & neat. I will put my compost, rocks, recyclables, and trash in designated areas. I will not bring trash or compost and leave it at the Community Garden site. It is illegal to dump on public property.
7. I will not plant trees or shrubs.
8. I understand that personal property should not be left on the plot. I understand that the Park District is not responsible for any vandalism or theft of my garden plot.
9. I will remove all debris, stakes, fencing, tools, etc. from my plot(s) by the first week of November. If materials are not removed, I will not be able to reserve a plot for the following year.
10. If I adopt an abandoned plot during the season, I will be happy to relinquish it the following year.
11. I understand that garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at my plot, but I am responsible for payment of fees, cleanup, and following all other rules outlined here. I understand that I am solely responsible for the behavior of my family members and other guests.
12. I understand that pesticides and/or herbicides must be used responsibly so that they do not impact gardens other than my own. I will ask the Community Garden Coordinator for advice if I am unsure of how to respond to disease or weeds.
13. I will not use plastic or other non-porous material for ground cover.
14. I will use wooden stakes, no rebar or metal fence posts.
15. I will keep my car in the parking lot or on the street. I will not drive on the grass.
16. I will bring buckets to transport water to my plot, I understand that I am not allowed to run water with a hose.
17. I will practice good safety habits, including keeping the walkways and paths clear of my tools and other belongings.
18. I understand that dogs are not allowed.
19. I will not enter, take food or plants from other gardeners’ plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
20. I will bring headphones if I wish to listen to music while gardening, maintaining the natural setting of the gardens.
21. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language, physically harass, or discriminate against others.
22. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Park District reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.
23. I understand all other Park District ordinances must be obeyed at all times.
24. **Commercial use of the Community Garden Plots is prohibited. They are for personal use only.**

*If issues arise, participants will be contacted, and a resolution will be mediated by the Community Garden Coordinator.*

## Commitment

I have read and understand the application and accept the rules, terms, and conditions stated above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Gardener*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Oswegoland Park District*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_