



2016 COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION & WAIVER

Please review and complete both sides of this application and waiver.
Please direct all questions and completed forms to your garden leader.



DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY

Garden Name _____

1. ABOUT YOU:

Each gardener must fill out their own application and waiver, even if sharing a plot.

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Approximately how many people benefit from the produce grown in your plot? _____

2. Plot Fee

Plot fees go directly to supporting the garden and are used for community expenses such as water and compost. If you are unable to pay the designated plot fee, you may contribute what you are able or ask to have your fee adjusted or waived.

- I am including my plot fee in full.
- I am able to contribute the following amount to my plot fee: \$ _____
- I request to have my plot fee waived.

3. SIGNATURE:

I have read, understand and agree to the terms and responsibilities as stated in the Gardener Authorization & Responsibilities and Waiver & Release on the reverse side of this document.

Signature _____
(or Parent/legal guardian signature if participant is under the age of 18).

4. FEEDBACK: (Optional) Denver Urban Gardens is funded by private foundation grants, individual donations, and support through a competitive grant program from the City and County of Denver. Feedback from gardeners is crucial to future funding for this program, and **we would love to hear what this opportunity has meant to you:**

5. COMMUNITY SUPPORT: (Optional) Denver Urban Gardens strives to make our community gardens and supporting programs accessible to residents of all backgrounds and income levels. Community support is critical to our mission of *growing community – one urban garden at a time*, and contributions large and small grow our capacity to provide access to fresh, healthy food to our neighbors in the Denver Metro Area. If able, please consider making a donation.

Yes, I would like to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____

Donation designation (optional): _____

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GARDENER AUTHORIZATION & RESPONSIBILITIES

The following guidelines outline the management of the community garden and its site property. These guidelines have been established by Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) and are provided to the property owner as a basis for a use agreement between the two parties. In turn, DUG provides gardeners with the authority and permission to use the garden site. We, as a community, have a responsibility to keep our community garden managed effectively. The community garden is a privilege, and everything works more smoothly when people are involved in its overall upkeep. Please also remember to treat your fellow gardeners as you would like to be treated.

DUG community gardens have a volunteer Garden Leader and are encouraged to form a Garden Steering Committee to collect the plot fee, assign plots, organize maintenance, and coordinate garden related activities. With your signature on page one of this document, you acknowledge as a participating **gardener responsibility for the following:**

1. Participating in volunteer tasks such as weeding common areas, caring for community plantings and areas, caring for gardening tools, etc. by providing a minimum of _____ hours per month to the community garden. (Failure to contribute your hours will result in the loss of gardening privileges).
2. Submitting payment for the 2016 gardening season totaling \$ _____ for each plot. This plot fee covers a range of services including water, compost, and general garden maintenance.
3. If for any reason you find you cannot care for your garden, you are required to notify the Garden Leader or Steering Committee and make arrangements with other gardeners to water and maintain your plot during your absence. If a garden appears neglected/abandoned (unwatered and/or overrun with weeds), you will be given ten (10) days notice to maintain your plot. After this time your plot will be re-assigned.
4. DUG requires water restrictions and conservation measures be followed. A gardener MUST remain on the premises while his/her garden is being watered. The garden cannot allow excess water to drain onto the street or adjacent property.
5. DUG Community Gardens are organic gardens. It is DUG policy to prohibit the use of non-organic pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.
6. The maintenance of common areas and furnishings, fencing, trees, trash receptacles, compost bins, street and alley right-of-way, and water lines are the shared responsibility of all gardeners.
7. Gardeners must have their plot planted by _____, or the plot will be forfeited and reassigned.
8. Each gardener is responsible for clearing his/her plot before the close of the season. All dead plants, weeds, trash, tools, sticks and cages are to be removed or stored by November 1 each year. All gardeners must tend their plots in compliance with DUG's Maintenance Guidelines, located in each garden leader's manual.
9. Each gardener is responsible for conducting himself or herself in a civil manner that is mutually beneficial to all participants and to the garden as a whole. Unacceptable conduct generally includes, but is not limited to, vegetable theft, tool theft, profanity, offensive behavior, harmful verbal or written communications between or about fellow gardeners, or other incivilities associated with personal interactions as they relate to the community garden. DUG reserves the right to revoke your plot, at any time, due to any unacceptable conduct, as determined by DUG in its discretion.
10. If a gardener gives up their plot or the plot is revoked, the plot returns to the garden and will be assigned to someone on the wait list by the garden leadership.
11. Garden Steering Committees shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, marital status, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or military status in its garden membership and the administration of its programs.

WAIVER & RELEASE

1. I desire to participate voluntarily in gardening and other activities sponsored and coordinated by DUG on the _____ community garden site. I understand that DUG is granting me a revocable license to participate in this community garden, and such license may be revoked by DUG at any time if I violate the Gardener's Responsibilities set forth above.
2. I am connected to _____ organization and desire to voluntarily participate in programming at _____ community garden. I understand that DUG is not liable for any damage to my property.
3. I understand, accept, and assume the risks associated with participation in any and all activities at the garden site or involving DUG, including, without limitation, any harm resulting from tools or structures located or used at the garden site, and the actions of other gardeners (including any negligent or wrongful actions).
4. I assume full responsibility for any injuries which may occur to me, as well as the safety of my family and guests, any damage or personal property, and do hereby fully and forever discharge and release the community garden site landowner and DUG, its employees, board members, officers, agents, authorized volunteers, representatives, consultants, insurers and sureties, and their successors and assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any "Claims." "Claims," as used in this document, mean any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of action or causes of action, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my presence or the presence of my family members and guests at the garden, activities at the garden, the use or intended use of the garden, and/or participation in activities connected with DUG including, without limitation, any of the foregoing resulting from or arising out of the negligence of a Released Party. Further, I hereby waive any and all Claims against a Released Party.
5. I expressly acknowledge that participation in the community garden is for my purposes and convenience and not for the purpose and convenience of any one or more of the Released Parties.
6. I will permit the use of my name and picture in broadcasts, telecasts, newspaper, brochures, etc.
7. In the event that a dispute arises between gardeners or between a gardener(s) and the designated garden steering committee, and a resolution of the dispute cannot be reached by these parties, I agree to have DUG act as the arbitrator of the dispute, and I further agree to adhere to DUG's decision as final.
8. **For gardeners at Denver Public Schools' and Jeffco Public Schools' school-based community gardens:** Due to school policy regarding background checks for volunteers, I understand that if I wish to volunteer and support students directly, at least once per month or more, and in situations with the likely possibility where a school staff member or fingerprinted volunteer are not in a supervisory role, it is my responsibility to contact Denver Urban Gardens to complete the required fingerprint background check.

2016 Rosedale Community Garden Rules

Plot#(s) _____ Plot Fee: _____

1. New gardeners must participate in garden orientation and sign off on orientation packet at the time that a plot is assigned, or by May 31st.
2. A minimum of 10 hours of community work per gardener is required. (Does not include work on your own plot) If you do not complete the 10-hour minimum, you may not be invited back the following year.
3. If you are unable to meet your community garden obligations or are unable to work your plot, please notify the garden committee at leadership@rosedalegarden.org so they can work on providing assistance.
4. Gardens must be visibly worked by June 1st and cleaned up by November 1st. If your garden is not visibly worked by June 1st – you will be notified and your garden may be reassigned.
5. If produce is not being picked or used from your plot, a committee member may provide notice to you requesting permission to harvest and donate the proceeds. If notice is provided, and you cannot be reached within 3 days, your plot may be harvested. As an alternative, notify a fellow gardener that produce can be donated.
6. As part of your plot maintenance, **ALL GARDENERS are responsible for weeding the paths** surrounding their plot. **Please do this early and often**, before weeds flower and produce seeds. Weeds in one plot have a habit of quickly spreading to other plots. Please be considerate of your neighbors, and the garden at large, and be diligent about weeding.

Paths surrounding your plot must be maintained and clear. Any materials stored at your plot must be kept **within** your plot and kept tidy. For safety reasons, keep paths around your plot clear of tools, hoses, plants and other materials at all times.
7. You must remain on the premises while watering. Unhook your hose from the faucet each time you finish watering.
8. This is an **ALL ORGANIC** garden. The use of non-organic pesticides is prohibited. The use of organic based fertilizers is encouraged. Only aged manure is allowed.
- 9.. Children must be supervised and not allowed in other people's plots.
10. Pets (other than service dogs) are not allowed in the garden due to sanitary and safety reasons.
11. **Clean and return** all garden owned tools and equipment to the sheds. Return them to their designated storage locations **cleaned and ready for use**.
12. Smoking is not allowed in the garden.
13. Do not take anything from another plot without permission from that person. Any violation of this rule is grounds for immediate dismissal.
14. For security reasons, the last person out must be sure front gate and all sheds are locked.

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15. Other than the Rosedale sales events, individuals selling their garden grown produce is prohibited, as it is not consistent with the spirit of community gardening.

16. You are responsible for all people you bring into the garden. Please designate all family, children and co-gardeners who will have access to the garden as designees of your plot.

17. All structures over 4' must be approved prior to installation by Denver Urban Gardens and the Rosedale steering committee. Trees are not allowed in individual plots.

18. Periodically, the garden is affected with pests, such as the current Japanese Beetle infestation. I understand that if a garden-wide infestation should occur, if feasible, the infestation will be treated, organically, throughout the entire garden, without exception.
_____ (Please initial here)

Special note for Japanese Beetle mitigation: All gardeners are responsible for removing Beetles from their garden plants and adjacent common areas. **NO** Japanese Beetle traps may be used—they attract the beetles.
_____ (Please initial here)

Failure to comply with these rules may result in your plot being reassigned.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address:

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Englewood, CO 80151-0415

For more information, please visit our website at: www.rosedalegarden.org.