



**Community Garden Program  
 Application**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place my name in the lottery for a garden plot at :**

Location:  
 Bradley Local Park, Bethesda MD;  
 200 sq ft plots (\$30)

**I hereby agree to:**

- I will abide by all the attached Community Garden Guidelines. I understand failure to do so will result in forfeiting the plot(s) and a loss of fees.
- I will stay informed of all changes to policy and procedures by joining the yahoo group provided or by checking the garden's kiosk monthly for updates.
- I grant permission to Parks to photo document the plot(s) and the gardener(s).
- I agree to hold Parks and their agents and employees harmless of any and all liability for bodily harm, damage, or loss in any kind resulting from or connected to the community garden.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Garden plot assignments will be assigned with your confirmation letter. In the event that there are not plots available your name will be added to a waiting list. Plots sizes are dependent on location.

Please return this application to the M-NCPPC Community Gardens Program  
 8000 Meadowbrook Lane/ Chevy Chase MD 20815 / 301.650.2635 / Fax 301.589.1590

Official use only:  
 Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
           Approved                      Denied                      Date                      By

**Community Garden Guidelines for 2010**



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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

- Individual garden plots are to be used for growing vegetables and flowers for family use and not for commercial sales.
- Montgomery County Parks will accept applications on a first-come, first-serve basis. When assigning locations, Montgomery County Parks will give priority to returning gardeners who return their renewals by January 30th. Returning gardeners are allowed to retain their previous season's plot, when possible, or have top priority in requesting a new plot, with an early renewal. Applications for new gardeners will be accepted beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> and will be assigned plots after February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Plots are non-transferable. All plots will be surrendered back to Parks.
- The community gardens are an **organic space**. Please check with your local garden store, the Master Gardeners website, or neighboring gardeners for organic means of dealing with gardening problems.
- Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding, and watering their own plots and maintaining the surrounding paths. If you will be out of town or on vacation please arrange to have a fellow gardener watch over your space.
- Plots must be **cleared of all summer debris by November 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- All gardens are subject to occasional inspections. If the garden is not in compliance with the guidelines, an email notice will be sent. Two weeks later another inspection will be performed. If the garden is still not in compliance, the plot will be tilled in and all fees will be forfeited.
- Gardeners should visit and maintain their plots once a week or arrange another gardener to oversee their plot when out of town or on vacation.
- Kids are a wonderful addition to the garden and we encourage them. However supervision is important at all times.
- When watering, please use a Y gate in order to be able to have two hoses running at once. If other gardeners are waiting please limit watering to 15 minutes. The gardener **MUST** be present when watering. Do not leave the water unattended. Sprinklers are not allowed.
- Crops and structures over six feet are not allowed due to the shadow effect they will cast on neighbor's plots.
- Biodegradable mulch is encouraged. Examples include: aged compost, leaves, straw and hay. Carpet mulch, wood chips, stone and sod are not allowed. Black or red plastic is allowed but must be removed by end of season.
- Keep plot boundaries weeded and trash free. This includes the mulched path next to your plot.
- No permanent structures are allowed. All structures on M-NCPPC land must have written approval of M-NCPPC.
  - No pets are allowed in the gardening space.



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- All plantings and support systems must be less than six feet.
- No invasive plants. Plants like mint should be grown in containers. A list of invasive plants can be found at: <http://www.mdinvasivesp.org/>
- No littering. Montgomery County Parks community gardens are a carry in and carry out facility – trash free. The compost bins are for plant waste only. No dumping or kitchen garbage allowed.
- No disrespectful behavior such as alcohol consumption, loud music, etc.
- No unauthorized expansion of your plot or encroaching on other plots.
- No taking food from plots that is not yours.
- The gardens are designated a non-smoking area.

These guidelines are subject to review and change. You are responsible for checking your yahoo group account [MCPcommunitygarden@yahoo.com](mailto:MCPcommunitygarden@yahoo.com) , or the garden bulletin board monthly for updated information.

Fees and guidelines will be reviewed annually.