



Garden District Neighborhood Association  
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## Garden District Community Garden 2017 Plot Registration

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Other)

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

Car Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have a garden plot(s) with the community garden last year? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, do you want the same garden plot(s) this year? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If no or new gardener, what area of the garden would you like to be in?

	Organic (east side)	Conventional (west side)
Raised 4'x16' (two 4'x8' boxes)		
In-Ground 20'x20'		

**A yearly plot rental fee of \$25 is required per plot before plot(s) can be assigned.** This fee will go toward expenses and improvements of the Community Garden **AND** **A clean-up deposit of \$25 is required per plot before plot(s) can be assigned.** The clean-up deposit fee will be returned after you have removed all of your plants, weeds and personal belongings and cleared your plot by **10/31/17. SEE ATTACHED PICTURE OF HOW PLOT SHOULD LOOK AT END OF SEASON IF YOU ARE LEAVING TO RECEIVE YOUR DEPOSIT BACK. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

If you are coming back and/or intend to over-winter garden, your rental fee must be paid by November 1, 2017. Your deposit will roll-over for next year. You can leave mulch and grass, secured fencing and climbers and secured weed barriers, i.e. landscape fabric and burlap. We encourage you to let your vegetation decompose over winter in your plots.

Please mark your calendar with a reminder for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for our Fall Cleanup and cookout. Workdays are the first or second Saturday of the month from 10 am-noon and the third Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm.

***I have read the Community Garden Rules and understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of cleanup deposit fees and gardening privileges.***

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

Checks can be made payable to The **Garden District Neighborhood Association** and mailed to the Community Garden Chair at:

Garden District Community Garden  
Attn: Dawn Riegel  
P.O. Box 70876  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

or dropped off in newspaper box at:  
3914 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI

Questions can be directed to Dawn Riegel at 414-379-2450 or [dawn@milwaukeegdna.com](mailto:dawn@milwaukeegdna.com) or [jdriegel@msn.com](mailto:jdriegel@msn.com).

### **SURPLUS OF PRODUCE PROGRAM**

Over the past years, there has been a good deal of food that has gone to waste in the garden. As a reminder, there is a wooden bin on the northeast corner of the garden (on the sidewalk of Howard Ave) where any unwanted produce can be placed for other community members to take.

This year, we would like to be more diligent about harvesting and distributing produce before it becomes rotten. Chris Steinkamp, gardener and neighbor, has offered to coordinate this effort. There are a number of food pantries and meal programs in our community that welcome produce donations. If you have a personal connection to any of these, please let him know.

If you are willing to donate produce that you will not consume or harvest, please let Chris know and/or place in the wooden bin. Furthermore, during Saturday/Wednesday garden work days, we would like to harvest produce that looks like it will soon begin to rot. If we notice rotting produce in your plot, we will contact you about harvesting and distributing this. We will not pick anything unless you instruct us.

If you would like to be help with this effort, please contact Chris @ 414-426-9989 or [steinkac@gmail.com](mailto:steinkac@gmail.com).

Please sign up for one work day to help out and/or host the workday. Hosting simply requires you to be there and give direction on what needs to be done. The garden belongs to all of us and we need a lot of help to make this a success! It is mandatory to pull weeds around your beds/plots.

Work days include plantings, mulching, site maintenance (weeding front flower beds and flower beds along 6<sup>th</sup> street, garbage pickup), path maintenance (keeping paths free of weeds), grass cutting/trimming, composting or anything else you would like to work on:

**SATURDAYS - 10AM-NOON**

April 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Install and repair raised beds  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rain date April 9  
 May 6 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat due to rummage  
 July 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat due to holiday  
 August 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sept. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat due to holiday  
 October 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
 November 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall-Clean-Up/Cookout

**WEDNESDAYS - 6-8 PM**

April 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 May 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 21 \_\_\_\_\_  
 July 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 August 23 \_\_\_\_\_  
 September 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
 October 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark area(s) that you would be interested in volunteering with during the season:

\_\_\_\_\_ Composting      \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Awards      \_\_\_\_\_ Farmers Market:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Grant Writing      \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising      \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Events in which we need help:

\_\_\_\_\_ Craft Fair – Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9am-3pm: baking for bake sale \_\_\_\_\_,  
 set up 7 am \_\_\_\_\_, working event \_\_\_\_\_ or tear down at 3 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Perennial/Seed Exchange – Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 10am-noon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rummage – Saturday, June 3 from 9am-4pm:  
 set up 7 am \_\_\_\_\_, working event \_\_\_\_\_ or tear down at 4 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ National Night Out – Wednesday, August 16 from 5-8 pm:  
 set up 3 pm \_\_\_\_\_, working event \_\_\_\_\_ or tear down at 8 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Perennial/Seed Exchange – Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 10am-noon  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Fest – Saturday, October 7 from 1-5 pm:  
 set up 11 am \_\_\_\_\_, working event \_\_\_\_\_ or tear down at 5 pm \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Lighting – Tuesday, December 5 from 6-8 pm:  
 set up 5 pm \_\_\_\_\_, working event \_\_\_\_\_ or tear down at 8pm \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Movies or Stories in the Garden: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEE ATTACHED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**We will no longer have monthly meetings**

**Like the Garden on FACEBOOK and keep current on garden activities -**  
<http://www.facebook.com/GardenDistrictCommunityGarden>

**Garden District Website: [www.milwaukeegdna.com](http://www.milwaukeegdna.com)**

**Garden District Facebook:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/Milwaukees-Garden-District-272730666086450>**

**Please include a signed Release of Claims form with your registration.**

## **Release of All Claims**

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ am a participant in the Community Garden. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Community Garden, 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 Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the garden coordinator and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the Garden District Neighborhood Association, Garden Committee, Garden Coordinator, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner from all claims of 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 sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO GARDEN IN YOUR  
RAISED BED OR IN-GROUND PLOT NEED TO SIGN RELEASE FORM**

NOTE: Return only first 4 pages completed and signed.

## **Garden Rules and Regulations**

### **Garden District Community Garden Rules**

Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for all of the Garden Community is the primary goal of these rules and responsibilities. For that reason, please observe the rules of the Garden and be a good neighbor. This is a living document and may change as needed.

- If you have a surplus of produce you wish to donate, please contact the coordinator for this project who will be taking donations to local food pantries – Chris @ 414-426-9989 or [steinkac@gmail.com](mailto:steinkac@gmail.com).
- Put weeds in a black garage bag in your plot. After being in the hot sun a month or so, you will have lots of red worms and great compose to put back in your garden.
- The Garden should be a safe place for the community, children and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the Garden.
- The Garden's steering committee has the duty of enforcing rules and resolving conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener or dismissing a current gardener.
- Please check with the garden coordinator for a map showing where your plot is, as well as information concerning the Garden – problems, events, information and notices.
- Teach your children to respect others' plots and not to waste water.
- Until water becomes available, you are responsible for bringing in your own water.
- Each person must apply each year for a plot. Returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish.
- If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or the coordinator to help keep up with weeds and harvesting.
- Generally visit your plot at least once a week. More if the season is very dry.
- If you decide not to use your plot, please contact the coordinator so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, it will be reassigned. In this case there would be no rental plot fee refund.
- If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After one week of no action, your plot may be cleared and reassigned. **A weed bin has been constructed on the east side of the garden. PLEASE NO WEEDS IN THE COMPOST BINS!**

- Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw and hay are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Wood chips, burlap, cardboard, grass and landscape fabric are permitted for weed control.
- Please do not plant mint, catnip, comfrey, raspberries or other invasive plants.
- Please do not put up brightly colored fencing (such as orange construction fence) around your plot. Other fencing is ok but should not block paths.
- Keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbors' plants.
  
- Do not pick from the plots of others even if you think they have neglected their plot.
- Pack your trash and take back home to dispose of properly.
- Stakes that mark your plot's corners and have your plot number must be left in place all season.
- No pets in the garden.
- Do not drive into the garden area.
- Please plan to participate in the Fall Cleanup and barbeque cookout.
- Do not use pesticides, fertilizers or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots.
- If in the Organic gardening area, please follow all organic practices with regards to pesticides, fertilizers and weed control.
- Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.
- Restroom facilities are not provided. Please plan accordingly and respect our neighbor's properties.
- Please put grass clippings in the designated "Grass Bin".

**Thank You.**

**Your cooperation will help make the Garden a pleasant place for everyone!**

# GDNA COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPOSTING RULES

## How to Compost Correctly:

- Add only compostable materials listed under “What to Compost”; **DO NOT ADD WEEDS OR GARBAGE**. There will be a garbage can by the bins for garbage. Placing weeds in the bins will only create more weeds in the soil next year. **Please place all weeds in the designated collection area located near the compost bins.**
- We have two 3-bin systems. Two bins will be marked “Add Here”. Add compostable material to the bin marked “Add Here”, dig and bury what you add by turning the compostable material and placing brown source on top (uncovered piles bring flies and rodents). Once a bin is full, all materials will be transferred to the next bin. **DO NOT ADD TO ANY BIN UNLESS IT IS MARKED “ADD HERE”**. After material is transferred from the first bin to the second bin and then from the second bin to the third bin, it will be placed in the resting pile area. **DO NOT ADD TO PILES DESIGNATED “RESTING.”**
- Do not add large branches, plants, shrubs. They must be cut down to no larger than 3” pieces to properly break down.
- Return all tools to the designated area (wheelbarrows, etc.).
- Contribute untreated brown-source whenever possible (sawdust, newspaper, grass clippings, leaves, egg cartons, etc.) to the Brown Source pile.
- Contact Dawn at 414-379-2450 to report any problems or if you have questions.
- Do not add to piles that are designated as ‘resting’.
- Flip, turn, and stir piles whenever able.
- Most sites are started on ‘borrowed land’, be respectful of neighbors & surrounding area.

## What to Compost:

- Materials and plants from the Community Garden
- Fruits and vegetables
- Yard trimmings and leaves (Grass clippings should be placed in designated “Grass Bin”)
- Hay and straw
- Houseplants
- Nut shells
- Sawdust, wood chips



# The Garden District

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 4	6-8 pm	Sealing boards for garden beds	Custom Grown, 4507 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
April 8	10am-noon	Installing/repairing raised beds	Garden, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Howard
April 20	6-8 pm	Custom and kid plantings	Custom Grown, 4507 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St.
April 29	9am-3pm	Craft Fair	MCFI, 3333 S. Howell
May 13	10am-noon	Spring Perennial Exchange	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
June 3	9am-4pm	Rummage	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
June 10	1-5 pm	Farmers Market begins and runs every Saturday thru 10/14	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
June 13	6:30 pm	Stories in the Garden by Tippecanoe Library - Theme: Gardens	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
June 21	5:30 pm	Stories in the Garden by MPD	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
June 23	Dusk	Movies in the Garden*	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
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July 11	6:30 pm	Stories in the Garden by Tippecanoe Library - Theme: Bugs	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
July 19	5:30 pm	Stories in the Garden by MPD	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
July 28	Dusk	Movies in the Garden	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
August 8	6:30 pm	Stories in the Garden by Tippecanoe Library - Theme: Vegetables	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
August 16	5-8 pm	National Night Out	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
August 27	Noon-4pm	Artist Market	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
September 8	Dusk	Movies in the Garden	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
September 9	10am-noon	Fall Perennial Exchange	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
October 6	Dusk	Movies in the Garden*	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
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October 7	1-5 pm	Fall Fest	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich
November 4	10am-noon	Fall clean-up	Garden, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Howard
November 14	6-8 pm	Assembling cards for troops	Water Tower, 4001 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor
December 5	6 pm	Tree Lighting	Market, 6 <sup>th</sup> and Norwich

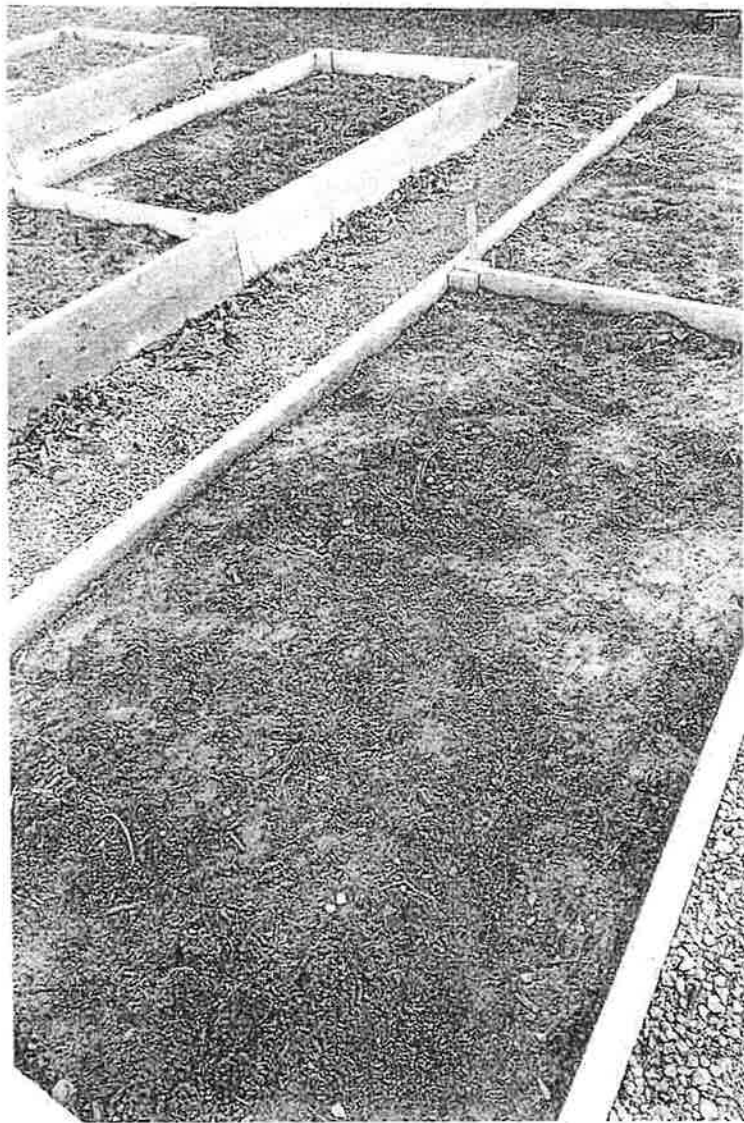
**Above events sponsored by the Garden District Neighborhood Association unless otherwise noted\* and subject to change**

**For more info, to sponsor an event or to volunteer:**

**Contact Dawn at 414-379-2450 or [dawn@milwaukeegdna.com](mailto:dawn@milwaukeegdna.com)**



RAISED BED



IN-GROUND PLOT

