

# Maplewood Community Garden Membership Agreement 2014 Season

The Township of Maplewood provides the garden sites to members exclusively for gardening and cannot be used for any other purpose. The garden sites are open from 7AM - 8pm, 7 days a week.

All members agree to the following:

1. To plant in your assigned bed no later than May 15.
2. To **HARVEST REGULARLY** when vegetables are ripe.
3. To stake tomatoes and other vegetables early in the season.
4. To keep ground level of bed free of **fallen** vegetables
5. To **PERMIT** harvesting from beds for the Food Pantries weekly...use a red ribbon to denote **NO** harvesting .. **LIMIT to two time use or two one-week periods.**
6. To follow the schedule of suggested planting times.
7. To **regularly and diligently** care for a plot, keeping it pest and disease free.
8. To weed regularly removing all weeds, inside and outside of your bed.
9. To treat any disease with organic methods in consult with the Garden Support Team (hereinafter GST)
10. To follow the **warnings** given weekly by the GST. After 3 warnings, your name will be sent to the Board members who will consider whether your bed will be forfeited. You may appear at the Board meeting to state why you have failed to follow the warnings. Failure to offer an appropriate justification for the failure (e.g. illness, family emergency) will result in your bed being forfeited).
11. To **ONLY** use organic compost and insecticide.
12. To plant any sunflowers or beneficial invasives **only** in community beds
13. To report any absence/vacation away from the site to the GST so that bed is watered and harvested during that away time...use a green ribbon to indicate that you want your bed watered.
14. To limit the flowers in a bed to ¼ of the bed.
15. To participate for 4 hours on two mandatory work days; ONE in the Spring and ONE in the Fall
16. To participate for 2 hours on 2 additional mandatory work days. You may chose to work on those two work days in either JUNE, JULY or AUGUST from 5 dates that will be announced in advance in the Spring. You will be required to choose your two workdays in the Spring prior to planting.
17. To participate actively in one of three committees twice during the summer.
  - a. Food Pantry (collecting and delivery) requires participating three weeks throughout season.
  - b. Garden Mowing and Watering (mowing common areas and watering beds of members on vacation) requires participating two week throughout the season
  - c. Food Pantry Bed Maintenance requires caring for 5-6 community beds (watering, weeding, mowing) requires participating three weeks throughout the season.
18. To attend the annual meeting in January.
19. To attend a 2 hour meeting prior to the start of the season.

Signing denotes that all items are read and will be followed.

If bed is deemed abandoned by the Board, it will be forfeited.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

MCG Board:

Garden Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Bed Number: \_\_\_\_\_