

Village of Bartlett Community Gardens Plot Program Agreement 2024



The Village of Bartlett will prepare the garden plot for planting, identify each plot with a number and make water accessible to gardeners.

Important Dates

- Registration for community gardeners will open on September 1, 2023 to register for a garden plot. Bartlett residents will have priority in reserving garden plots. If garden plots are still available, non-resident registration will open on February 1, 2024.
- Garden plots open on or about the third week of April, weather permitting.
- Garden plots must be cleaned off for the season by October 31st.

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

1. I agree to abide by the policies and practices outlined in this Agreement and in the Village of Bartlett Community Gardens Rules and Regulations. The fee for the use of the garden is \$35 resident and \$55 non-resident plot, for the season, which runs the third week of April – October 31.
2. I will have something planted in my garden by June 1 and keep it planted and weeded all season long.
3. Plots that have not been used by June 15 will be reassigned to someone else. There will be no refunds after May 20th for any reason.
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. I will not grow any plants for commercial purposes.
5. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Should my garden become unkempt, I will be notified by Bartlett Village Staff and work out a maintenance plan. If I am unable to maintain the garden, I understand it will be tilled by the Village and no refund will be provided.
6. I will abide by the full pesticide use rules. I agree to not use weed killer and only use pesticide products that are OMRI listed or labeled as safe for use in organic gardening.
7. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will put my compost, rocks, recyclables, and trash in designated areas. I will not bring household trash or compost and leave it at the Community Garden.
8. I will not plant any perennials, trees, shrubs, or other plants that create excessive shade, and that I will not plant any illegal or poisonous plants.
9. I understand that personal property should not be left on the plot. I understand that the Village is not responsible for any vandalism or theft of my garden plot.
10. I will remove all debris, stakes, fencing, tools, etc. from my plot prior to October 31. If materials are not removed, I will not be able to reserve a plot for 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 OMRI listed pesticides must be used responsibly so that they do not impact gardens other than my own.
13. I will not use plastic or other non-porous material for ground cover.
14. I will use wooden stakes or metal fence posts intended for garden use. I will not use rebar or orange mesh fencing material.
15. I will keep my car on the street. I will not drive or park on the grass.

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16. I will practice good safety habits, including keeping the walkways and paths clear of my tools and other belongings.
17. I understand that pets (excluding service animals) and smoking are not allowed.
18. I will not enter or take food or plants from other plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
19. I will bring headphones if I wish to listen to music while gardening, maintaining the natural setting of the gardens.
20. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language, physically harass, or discriminate against others.
21. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Village reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.
22. I understand all other Village ordinances; state and local laws must be obeyed at all times.
23. I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Village of Bartlett and the Bartlett Park District and their officers, agents and employees, against all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought because of any injury or damage received or sustained by any person, persons, or property arising out of or resulting from any asserted negligent act, error, or omission by myself or other gardeners on my plot.
24. I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks to participants in the Village's Community Garden Plot Program, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any and all injuries, damages, or losses, regardless of severity, that I or my invitees may sustain as result of participating in the Village's Community Garden Plot Program.
25. **Waiver and Release of All Claims: IN CONSIDERATION FOR BEING ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM, I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE VILLAGE OF BARTLETT, THE BARTLETT PARK DISTRICT, THEIR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEYS, VOLUNTEERS, AND AGENTS WITH RESPECT TO ANY LIABILITY, CLAIM, DEMAND, CAUSE OF ACTION, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR EXPENSE (INCLUDING COURT COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES) OF ANY KIND OR NATURE WHICH MAY ARISE OUT OF, RESULT FROM, OR RELATE IN ANY WAY TO MY PARTICIPATION THE VILLAGE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING CLAIMS FOR LIABILITY CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE PARTIES RELEASED HEREUNDER.**

I have read and understand the application and accept the rules, terms, and conditions stated above, and I have signed this Agreement as my own free and voluntary act.

Gardener Name (Please print): _____

Gardener

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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