

**Plain Township Community Garden**  
**2024 Season Gardener Application**

Gardener: \_\_\_\_\_

Gardening Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Gardner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Partner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Permission: Occasionally photos of the garden, gardeners, partners, and/or garden leaders may be taken by the Township or even the media may be taken. Please Check Here (\_\_\_) if you **DO NOT** give permission for your photo to be taken and published. Please also give photographers notification when you encounter them.

Phone and Email: All gardeners are required to provide a valid phone and email address where you may be reached by the Township and/or garden monitor. The number and email can be shared with other gardeners. Please Check Here (\_\_\_) if you **DO NOT** give permission to share your number or email with other gardeners.

By signing below, you agree that you have read, understand and will abide by all policies/procedures herein this packet. If guidelines are not met or violated, you understand you will be contacted by phone or email and have ten days to mitigate the violation. If after 10 days, the notice of violation has not been rectified, you understand the plot may be forfeited without refund or compensation and will be resold. You understand that Plain Township nor the garden monitor are responsible for your actions. As such you as the gardener agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Plain Township from any claim, demand, suit, loss, cost of expense, or any damage which may be asserted, claimed or recovered against Plain Township by reason of any damage to property, personal injury or bodily injury including death, sustained by any person whomsoever and which damage, injury or death arises out of this activity.

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Signature

Date

For Office Use Only:

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Feed Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

Plot Assigned : \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Plot#: \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Plain Township Community Garden Policies, Procedures, And Fees

The Following policies, procedures and fees have been established by Plain Township. Please read and direct questions and concerns to the Garden Monitor or the Parks Director.

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form with non-refundable payment in full via check or cash. 4'x4' plots are \$15.00 per plot. 4'x8' plots are \$25.00. Fees will be used to help with maintenance of the overall site.
2. Garden meetings and work parties are scheduled throughout the season. Please plan to attend to help with upkeep and special projects. Updates can be found on social media and the kiosk at the garden.
3. Plots and adjoining pathways must be attended and maintained. If the plot is unattended for more than 10 days without notification to the Township or Garden Monitor, you will be given notice to mitigate the violation within 10 days of receipt of notice of violation, or the plot will be forfeited without refund or compensation and can be resold.
4. Call or text the Garden Monitor, Kaylah Shaheen at 330-933-6797 if:
  - a. You need help with your garden because of a vacation or illness,  
OR
  - b. You cannot complete the season so the plot can be reassigned.
5. Plant tall plants and vines in places where they will not interfere with other plots.
6. **PLANTING MARIJUANA, ILLEGALE OR OTHER INVASIVE PLANTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.**
7. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc) must be removed and properly disposed of and all plots must be left neat and clean. If the plot is not clean by the end of season date, you may forfeit your right to return the next season. If you plan on keeping the same plot for the next season, you may plant perennial vegetables, but must pay the seasonal fee at that time.
8. Pick up litter in and around the garden as you encounter it.

9. This is to be an organic garden. Use of chemical fertilizers such as Miracle Gro, weed killers IE: Round Up/ Weed Be Gone are prohibited for the safety of all.
10. Do not pick anything from other plots without the expressed permission of the plot holder.
11. Water can be found in the restrooms pr drinking fountain on site. Space is limited to fill jugs so it is recommended gardeners also bring his or her own water to tend to the site. Plain Township is working to create rain barrels for water access in the future.
12. Gardeners must bring and take with his or her own tools and supplies. Nothing can be left on site for the safety of all involved.
13. Smoking, and hazardous materials including but not limited to flammable materials or liquids, fireworks, pyrotechnic devices, explosives, poisonous materials or plants, strong acids or caustics are prohibited at the garden.
14. Pets are prohibited in the garden.
15. Children must be supervised in the garden.
16. Plain Township, nor the Garden Monitor are responsible for lost or stolen property. Report theft, vandalism or suspicious activity to the Stark County Sheriff's Office at 330-430-3800.
17. Use common courtesy and be considerate of other plot holders and park visitors.

## **THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE INAUGURAL SEASON OF THE PLAIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN!**

The garden is located at Al Leno Park at 3059 Alpine Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721 right next to (south of) the playground. There are 24 raised beds that are 4' by 8' in size. There are also 12 raised beds that are 8' by 8' in size. The garden is an open space divided into 4 quadrants by limestone pathways. The beds are filled with healthy topsoil.

The season begins in early April and extends to Mid-November. The garden is accessible during park hours which are dawn to dusk daily. Parking can be found as you enter the park from Alpine street and is directly east of the garden. The park also features a walking track, skate park, pickleball and tennis courts, a basketball court, two picnic shelters, playground and swing set facilities, and full flush restroom facilities.

Plots can be reserved for the season by filling out the attached application, agreeing to all policies and procedures and making payment in full via cash or check made out to Plan Township Trustees. Payment can be mailed with application or dropped off Mondays-Fridays 8:00AM-4:30PM at Plain Township Hall, Attention: Parks Director located at 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, Ohio, 44721.

The Garden Monitor is Kaylah Shaheen. She can be reached by phone at 330-933-6797 or by email at: [kaylah.shaheen@gmail.com](mailto:kaylah.shaheen@gmail.com) . The Parks Director, Rob Steinberg can also be reached by phone at 330-244-8473 or [rsteinberg@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov](mailto:rsteinberg@plaintownshipstarkoh.gov) .

Either the Garden Monitor or the Parks Director will make contact with plot assignment for the season and other relevant information.