

**Community Garden Application Form**

(Plots are assigned on a first come, first serve basis)

Please return this application form to the First United Methodist Church at 406 W. Phillip Ave., Norfolk NE, by \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of gardener(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden partner (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired size of plot, please check one:

10' X 10' \_\_\_\_\_ (1/2 plot)    10' X 20' \_\_\_\_\_

Check the appropriate items:

I would like a garden next to a friend, if possible. Name of friend \_\_\_\_\_

I have gardened before: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_; for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

I will need assistance with rototilling my plot this spring: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

(over)

Phone and e-mail: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and e-mail address with garden leaders. There may be times when a phone # or e-mail may need to be shared with other gardeners. Please check here (\_\_\_) if you DO NOT give your permission to share your phone number and e-mail with other gardeners.

Photo permission: Please check here (\_\_\_\_) if you DO NOT give your permission for yours or your family member's photos to be published (newspaper, website, newsletter, Etc.). If you do not give your permission, please let photographers know if you encounter them at the garden.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Gardener Guidelines and plan to abide by all the garden rules. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.

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Gardener Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Partner Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

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(For office use.)

Date and time received: \_\_\_\_\_

| Other information:

## **Gardener Guidelines/Rules – Community Garden at Fourth and Phillip**

1. All gardeners are required to complete an application by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. (If you are a returning gardener, this will indicate your interest in continuing to garden at your site).
2. Planting may begin once spring weather allows. Begin preparing and planting your plot by at least May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need to begin planting after this date, consult the garden leader or assistant with a reasonable explanation and let them know when you will begin to plant. You will be responsible for keeping your assigned plot weed free prior to planting.
3. Keep your plot and adjoining pathways fairly weed free and presentable. Please put weeds and dead plants in a compost pile which will have a designated area on the property. Diseased plants, weeds with seed heads and invasive plants need to be bagged and removed from the site by the each individual gardener. Pick up and properly discard litter when you see it.
4. If your plot appears to be untended for a period of time, you will be contacted and your plot may be assigned to another gardener. Call the garden leader if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time; especially if someone new will be tending your plot for you in your absence.
5. If you decide to discontinue gardening, you are responsible for notifying the manager or the assistant as soon as possible so your plot may be reassigned to someone who has completed an application.
6. Ultimately, you will be responsible for keeping your garden watered. The community garden does supply one hose for each hydrant, but you need to supplement that with your own hoses and/or sprinklers as needed. We are asking for free will donations for the water bill. Water runs about \$30 per plot during the growing season. Donate if you are able. Further instructions for water access will be shared with you at the time your application is accepted.
7. Do not apply chemical pesticides (which includes fungicides; insecticides or herbicides). This is to respect those who wish to garden organically, or who have allergies or reactions to chemicals. There are organic/chemical free alternatives available at retailers in town.
8. Do not apply anything to, or pick anything from, another person's plot without their approval.
9. No pets, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, cigarettes, radios, boom boxes or loud

music are allowed in the garden or nearby areas (Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes and cigarette butts contain toxins). All gardeners are to help keep blowing trash picked up.

10. Children must be supervised in the garden, as it is next to a busy street, so please take care. Children should be kept out of other peoples' plots.

11. Discourage theft: harvest promptly. Report theft, vandalism and unusual activities to the garden leaders.

12. For your safety, only garden during daylight hours.

13. No pumpkins, melons, large squash or gourds are allowed. Keep other vine crops, tomatoes and other plants within your space; they cannot be encroaching onto the pathways or neighbor's plot. If your plants are growing into the pathways it is an issue for mowing. You may use fencing, trellis, or cages if you desire.

14. After the growing season is over, you must clean up your plot. This means 15 days after the first hard frost or by Nov. 15th, whichever comes first. All dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and/or disposed of properly and all gardens left neat and tidy to allow for soil preparation. If your garden is not cleaned up by Nov. 15th, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season or be reassigned a smaller plot.

15. Violation of Gardener Rules\*\*\*: If any of these rules are violated, you will be contacted by the manager or assistant by phone or e-mail and will have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, your plot may be assigned to another gardener.

**\*\*\* All rules are open to suggestions and revisions and can be altered mid-year or for the next growing season by the Community Garden Team.**