

2015 AKRON GROWS COMMUNITY GARDENING APPLICATION



CITY OF AKRON

GARDENER INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address (include zip code): _____

E-mail _____

Organization Name (if applicable): _____

If you will not be the only person gardening at your site, please indicate how many other people will be gardening with you _____. Each person age 18 or over gardening at the site must sign the attached Waiver. A parent's signature indicates agreement that the Waiver applies to any children at the site.

City lots that will be used for the gardening program are listed on the back of this sheet. Each garden site has been assigned a number. Garden sites will be split into individual plots measuring either 20 feet by 20 feet or 10 feet by 20 feet. The fee for a larger plot (20' x 20') is \$30. The fee for a smaller plot (10' x 20') is \$20. This fee is to pay for water usage and a \$20 voucher you will receive to be used for plant material or garden supplies from a local gardening supply store. **Fees are NOT due with the submission of your application.** We will be collecting fees upon assignment of the gardens.

Yes, I am interested in an Akron Grows garden site of (please check one):

10' x 20' _____

20' x 20' _____

Please indicate if you would be interested in more than one garden plot here _____. If so, how many plots would you like _____. You will be contacted if this can be arranged.

Preferred Location: Please list the number of the garden site you would prefer to use from the list on the next page: _____ (if you do not have a preferred location please answer N/A and we will contact you when assigning a site).

GARDEN SITES

Garden Number	Location in City	Location
1	North Akron (along Cuyahoga Street)	Garden site is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Cuyahoga Street and Uhler
2	Elizabeth Park	Garden site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Charles Street and Turner Street (east of Howard Street)
3	Goodyear Heights	Garden site is located at the northwest corner of Newton Street and Iroquois Avenue
4	Southeast Akron	Garden site is located between Lovers Lane and Morgan Avenue west of Inman Street
5	Kenmore	Garden site is the triangular lot located west of the intersection of Kenmore Avenue and Ira Avenue
6	Cuyahoga Street	The garden is located on the west side of Cuyahoga Street approximately one-quarter mile south of the intersection of Cuyahoga Street and Uhler

Please contact Kurt Mulhauser of the City of Akron Department of Planning and Urban Development at 330-375-2090 if you have any questions or need any assistance in completing the application.

Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Returning gardeners have first choice on whether they want to continue gardening at their previous location, so the City cannot guarantee that there will be enough space for all applicants. Applications are due by April 30, 2015 (late applications will be accepted thru the planting season but initial tilling of lots and soil preparation will occur as early as weather and scheduling permit). We would like to have the lots ready for gardening by early to mid-May.

Please mail the application to:

**Kurt Mulhauser
City of Akron Department of Planning and Urban Development
Municipal Building
166 South High Street, Room 401
Akron, Ohio 44308
KMulhauser@akronohio.gov**

Applications may also be dropped off at the Department of Planning and Urban Development, Municipal Building Room 401, 166 South High Street.

AKRON GROWS CITY OF AKRON COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM

The City of Akron is providing seven City-owned lots around the City to be used as community gardens. Each site will be subdivided into individual garden plots measuring either ten feet by twenty feet or twenty feet by twenty feet. The City is working with various organizations who will help oversee the Community Gardening Program.

Available Garden Sites

The City is providing specified City-owned lots for use as community gardens. Each site is numbered. If you have a preferred site of the options available, please indicate this on your application. Also indicate what size lot you wish to garden (10' x 20' or 20' x 20'). Lots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Fees

A fee will be charged to help offset the cost of watering and for plant material. Fees will be collected when the lots are assigned. All fees must be paid in a check or money order made out to the City of Akron. Cash will not be accepted.

\$20 for a site measuring 10 feet by 20 feet

\$30 for a site measuring 20 feet by 20 feet

City Responsibilities

The City has already arranged soil testing for each site. The City will be providing water for each site in the form of a locked spigot at the curb lawn or a hydrant. Once lots are assigned, a preliminary garden meeting will be held with all of the gardeners at that location to arrange access to the water. Gardeners will be responsible for their own gardening equipment and hoses, buckets, etc. The City will also arrange for the plot to be staked, tilled and have humus, compost or mulch dropped off at the beginning of the season. All gardeners will receive a \$20 voucher to a local nursery for the purchase of plants and garden supplies.

Application

Interested gardeners will submit an application identifying necessary contact information, the size of the garden desired and the preferred location. Gardeners will also agree to attend an orientation workshop, agree to clean up the garden at the end of the season and waive any liability against the City or program operators for accidents or problems on the site. For questions or an application, please contact Kurt Mulhauser of the City of Akron at 330-375-2090

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WITH AKRON GROWS APPLICATION!

2015 WAIVER FORM

RELEASE OF CLAIMS

I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Akron Grows Community Gardening Program 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 Gardening Program, its nature, risks, or hazards, I have contacted the administrators of the program and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Gardening Program, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents, and assigns, do hereby release and forever discharge the City of Akron and participating organizations and the coinciding Boards of Trustees, administrators, employees, servants, agents, assigns, and officers for all claims and 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 the City of Akron and assisting organizations for any such losses, damages, injury, or costs that I may incur. If I have children at the site, I assume responsibility for them and I understand that this Waiver form applies to them as well.

Please Print

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Akron Grows Agreement 2015

Akron Grows will:

- Provide gardener education and assistance.
- Supply a voucher for vegetable seeds and plants.
- Assist in soil preparation, which may include tilling and humus / composting.
- Provide access to water at each garden location (gardeners will have to supply necessary equipment – hoses, buckets, etc. to get water from the water source to their plot).
- Visit community vegetable gardens during the season to provide education and technical assistance, if necessary.

The gardener agrees to:

- Fully complete and return the Akron Grows Application Form, Agreement, and Waiver (a Waiver is necessary for anyone who will be gardening at the site).
- Attend an Orientation Workshop.
- See that his or her plot is kept free from weeds and trash.
- Clean up the community garden plot in the fall.
- Be accountable for plot fees.
- Provide information requested by the Akron Grows Community Gardening Program.
- Cooperate to the best of your ability with administrators of the Akron Grows Program, other gardeners and neighbors.
- Prohibit selling of any produce on an Akron Grows garden site.

I have read the above agreement, understand my responsibilities and will abide by them. I understand that failure to fulfill my responsibilities will jeopardize my participation in the Akron Grows Community Gardening Program.

Name (please print)

Signature

Date

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