

APPLICATION

Community Gardens of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Name

Address

City

Telephone

E-mail

Do you wish to be assigned a garden plot? Yes No

If available, do you desire a second plot? (Plots are 12 x 18 feet) Yes No

Do you wish to split a plot with another gardener? Yes No

If yes, who will your partner be?

Name

Address

City

Telephone

E-mail

Check the appropriate items:

- I am a senior citizen. (We will *try* to put you closer to the parking area and water.)
- This is my first year gardening.
- I have some experience gardening.
- I have a lot of experience gardening.
- I would like to garden next to a friend. Name:

Have you read and do you agree to follow the by-laws? Yes No

Have you read and signed the waiver of liability form on the reverse side of this application? Yes No

Signature:

Date:

(With application, submit a \$20 deposit, \$15 of which will be returned to you in the fall provided your plot is clean and ready for plowing.)

I, the undersigned, will be participating in the Community Gardens of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

I recognize that there are risks involved in participating in this activity and hereby assume all risk of injury, harm, damage, or death in connection with my participation in this activity. I understand and agree that neither Good Shepherd Lutheran Church nor its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents or representatives may be held liable in any way for any injury, harm, damage, or death that may occur to me as a result of my participation in this activity and hereby

Release Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from any injury, harm, damage or death, which may occur while I am participating in the activity. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to save and hold harmless Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from any claim by myself, my estate, heirs, successors, assigns or other persons arising out of my participation in the activity.

I understand and acknowledge that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church does not provide health or medical insurance in connection with the activity and I agree that I will be financially responsible for any bills incurred as a result of medical treatment, including emergency medical treatment and/or transportation to a medical facility, in connection with my participation in the activity.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Community Gardens of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

By-laws (Please save for own records)

1. Payment of a \$20 deposit is necessary before you begin gardening. This should be submitted with your registration form. \$15 dollars will be returned to you in fall provided your garden has been cleaned by November 1.
2. There is a limit of one plot per applicant until May 15. After this day, any available plots will be reassigned based on the date of the application. Unused plots (plots without at least one third of area planted by June 1) will be forfeited to someone on the waiting list. Deposits are not returned when a plot is forfeited.
3. The garden area is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week. However, the gardens shall always be closed during service times (Saturdays 6-7pm and on Sundays until after noon).
4. As we operate a school and day care, the restrooms are not available for gardeners.
5. Plot corners are clearly marked with stakes. Please do not remove these stakes during the season.
6. Dispose of weeds and plant materials in designated compost bins.
7. Do not leave rocks in the paths or throw them in the field (as this is mown once a year). Place them next to the compost bins.
8. Be considerate of your neighbors. Tall crops should not interfere with your neighbor's plot. Vine crops must be kept contained within your plot. Harvest only from your assigned plot.
9. No herbicides are permitted. Careful use of pesticides is permitted, according to directions. Do not spray on windy days.
10. All plots will be regularly inspected. Those whose plots appear weedy, or do not meet other by-laws, will be notified. Failure to respond within 10 days will result in forfeiture of the plot and the deposit.
11. No plastic mulches are permitted. For mulching ideas, please see the Gardening Coordinator.
12. No pets are allowed on the grounds.
13. Family members are welcome to the garden site. Children may play on the playgrounds nearby. However, supervision of the children remains the responsibility of the parents. Please do not allow children to disturb other plots.
14. Currently, rabbits do not seem to be an issue. Individual fencing of plots, however, is allowed. Use only standard chicken wire, 20 inches tall.
15. No debris (e.g. plastic pots) or tools of any kind should be left at the site. Please take debris home with you.
16. Please notify garden coordinator if you are no longer able to tend your plot. When on extended vacation, please make appropriate plans for the maintenance of your garden.
17. Please park only in marked parking areas. Do not park along the drive, or drive on the grass.
18. The gardens are not near enough to the building to be reached by hose, and there is no source of water among the plots. You may bring water with you. On Tuesdays from 6 pm until 7, an attendant will turn on the hose for your use, though you will still need to carry it (using your own containers) to your garden plot. We recommend the conservation of water with the use of mulch (leaves, grass clippings, or hay all reduce water evaporation).
19. Each gardener must clear his or her plot of fencing, trellises, string and all inorganic materials before Nov. 1. \$15 dollars of your deposit will be returned when your plot has been approved by the garden committee.
20. All paths near your plot must be kept free of trash, grass, weeds, etc. If you wish, you may cover your path with organic mulch.
21. Only annuals may be planted. The plots are plowed in fall and in spring. Walk behind tillers are permitted for initial turning over of soil in spring. The user of such equipment assumes all risks.
22. Crops must be harvested once they are mature. If you cannot use your crops, they are always welcome at Johnson Arms apartments (201 N. Water St.) and at the Watertown Food Pantry (204 N. 10th St.). Please call 261-7226 for pantry hours and donate only fresh and firm produce.

Failure to comply with above regulations may result in a loss of future gardening privileges. Your conformity with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and productive garden.