

ADDISON COMMUNITY GARDEN

**2010-2011 ADOPT-A-PLOT APPLICATION
& REGISTRATION**

Please Print Legibly

Date: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phones: Home _____ Cell _____

Community Garden Experience: _____

Garden Plot Preference: Standard Garden Plot (4' x 20' x 16")

Raised Plot (4' x 12' x 30")

Please explain physical need

I would like to be partnered in a
Shared Plot

Applicant (s) Signature: _____

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ADDISON COMMUNITY GARDEN 2010-11 ADOPT-A-PLOT AGREEMENT

Terms of Agreement for Adopt-a-Plot

Please read the following guidelines carefully and agree to adhere to them by signing in the space provided.

1. Individuals who are residents of the Town of Addison. Preference will be given to those who are actively participating in the Addison Community Garden.
2. The Town of Addison will provide the garden plot, water and gardening information.
3. For 2010-2011 all plots will be assigned by the following: 1) Underwriter members, 2) Charter members, 3) volunteer hours toward to the community garden, and 4) time and date that the plot agreement is received.

4. Each gardener's responsibility is for his/her allotted plot(s) and sharing the maintenance for the common areas and garden-made compost. With respect to the plot, each gardener must:
- Continuously produce vegetables, fruits and companion plants by succession planting, mulching all soil with organic matter, and using proper watering techniques.
 - Never have bare soil.
 - During winter, completely mulch plot(s) soil and/or plant a cover crop.
 - Continuously maintain adjacent paths, aisles, and edges.
 - Weed plots and adjacent paths weekly.
 - Commit and participate in sharing common chores and in maintaining common areas of the garden.
 - Support and participate in the self-management of your respective plot.

5. Plot Maintenance – Organic methods are strongly encouraged.

- Soil Amendments
Use commonly accepted natural products.
- Fertilizer
Organic, water soluble, granular or liquid.
May request a specific product and the request will be evaluated.
- Disease Control Methods
Organic products
May request a specific product and the request will be evaluated.
- Mulch - only plant based
Native tree chippings
Shredded leaves provided by gardeners
Cover crop planted by gardener
- Water – provided by the Town of Addison
Use at the gardener's discretion but not to the point of run-off
Hose and hose rack supplied by the gardener
Soaker hoses may be used
Mechanical timers may be used with soaker hoses only. No programmable timers are permitted.
When watering, apply water to your space only.
- Plants
No illegal or invasive plants
No trees
Plan your garden layout so that your plants do not shade your neighbor's area
- Clean up
Dead plant material must be removed within 2 weeks
Non-diseased material should be composted
Diseased material should be disposed of in the trash

6. Gardeners will be responsible for harvesting their produce weekly and contributing a suggested 20% of that harvest to designated organizations. It will be the responsibility of the participant to make arrangements for their contributing portion if unavailable at designated times. The gardener will participate in the rotation to deliver the garden's gift to the designated organization.
7. Each gardener will support their garden by doing their fair share of common work as required by the garden. Consideration will be given for special skills, physical and mental capabilities and age. Youth participation is encouraged with adult guidance.
8. Gardeners will record all volunteer hours in the log book.
9. Gardeners will keep areas litter, tobacco, and drug free. Pets are not allowed within the garden. Service dogs are allowed. Never compost dog or cat feces. Walk through the garden on the garden paths. Never step on the garden beds or plot soil. Respect neighboring plots by keeping your vines and shade from tall plants or trellis within your plot borders.
10. Gardeners must adhere to the guidelines as stated here to continue to garden their adopted plot. If guidelines are not followed, the Garden Committee will contact the gardener with one grievance stating a specified time to adhere. If the gardener does not adhere, then the adopted plot may be reassigned.

11. The Garden Committee oversees the garden. Volunteers will serve on the Committee. This Committee will assist new gardeners, report maintenance issues, check garden plots for compliance with guidelines and be available to resolve problems. Committee meetings will be announced and gardeners will be encouraged to attend and to bring issues forward to the group to resolve. When needed, the Garden Committee will make recommendations to the Addison Community Garden members regarding policies and procedures.
12. If for any reason you cannot maintain your plot or have a grievance with others, inform your line captain after taking steps to resolve it yourself.
13. Underwriter Member – Persons who donate \$2,500 or more to the building of the Addison Community Garden.
14. Charter Member - A fee of \$100.00 and 50 volunteer hours are required for Charter Member status. Volunteer hours must be completed by Sept. 15, 2010. A plaque at the Garden site will list the names of all who worked to make the Addison Community Garden a reality.

The standard plot agreement fee is \$100.00. The initial term is September 2010 to December 31, 2011.

The 2012 annual fee will be determined by the Garden Committee at a later date.

The Town of Addison may establish additional or other rules, regulations and/or standards for participating, working, and/or volunteering at or in connection with the Community Garden, or may on its own amend the provisions and guidelines of this Adopt-a-Plot Agreement at any time, and each participant must abide with such rules, regulations, standards, provisions and guidelines.

Adhere to these guidelines. Consequences will be enforced as follows:

One warning will be given. If you have not adhered within the specified time, your plot will be recommended for reassignment. The final decision will be made by the Garden Committee.

It is understood that the Town of Addison does not assume liability for the actions of the Volunteer Gardener in performing maintenance in the Community Garden. Each participant in the Volunteer Garden must sign a Release of All Claims form and such other documents as the Town may require.

I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL GUIDELINES SET FORTH ABOVE.

Name: _____
Please Print

Signature: _____

Date: _____