

Manchester Community and Educational Garden

Gardener Agreement Spring 2012

To participate, please read and sign this agreement and return it with your payment.



- I will pay a fee of **\$25** for each 20-foot by 20-foot plot in the Manchester Community and Educational Garden, to help cover garden expenses.
- I will have something planted in the garden by June 15th and keep it planted all summer long.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden coordinator.
- **I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot if any.**
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will **participate in the fall cleanup** of the garden.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- I will use organic fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will not in any way affect other plots.
- I will close the gate after being in the garden.
- Pets are allowed this year on a leash only.
- **I agree to volunteer hours toward community gardening efforts** (for example: picking rocks before spring tilling).
- I understand the well water is not potable and cannot be used for drinking purposes.
- Waiver of Liability: I understand that none of the following organizations are responsible for my actions, including The Tutorial Center, Inc., the Manchester Elementary and Middle School, Transition Town Manchester or the Town of Manchester. I therefore agree to hold harmless The Tutorial Center, Inc., the Manchester Elementary and Middle School, Transition Town Manchester, Town of Manchester and all persons acting under their permission and authority, for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden site by me or any of my guests.

(check) I agree to “grow a row” of food in my plot for distribution to the community.

I have read and understand the terms stated above, including the Waiver of Liability, for participation in the Manchester Community and Educational Garden.

Community Gardener (print name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please send this Agreement to: Hilary Batchelor, 3572 Under Mt Rd, S Londonderry, VT 05155

Make your check payable to: **The Tutorial Center, Inc.**

For more information: 802 824 4565 or hilarybatchelor@gmail.com

Please join our Facebook page to see updates and gardening information.

Benefits of Community Gardens:

- Improves the quality of life for people in the garden
- Provides a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulates Social Interaction
- Encourages Self-Reliance
- Beautifies Neighborhoods
- Produces Nutritious Food
- Reduces Family Food Budgets
- Conserves Resources
- Creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education
- Reduces Crime
- Preserves Green Space
- Creates income opportunities and economic development
- Reduces city heat from streets and parking lots
- Provides opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections

<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/>



General Gardening and Horticultural Information

- [Aggie Horticulture: Plant Answers](#)
- [Agricultural Weed Gallery](#) -excellent guide to common weeds of Eastern N.A. with full color photos
- [Arthur's Vegetable Clip Art](#)
- [Chicago Master Gardeners Community Gardens](#)
- [Composting Basics](#): City of Toronto's excellent fact sheets
- [Detroit Agricultural Network](#)
- [Ecology Action](#)
- [Edible Landscaping and Gardening](#)
- [Environmentally Responsible Gardening and Landscaping in the Low Desert](#)
- [Fabulous Gardening Links](#) Annotated list of good gardening links
- [Garden Gate:The Teaching Garden](#)
- [Garden Guides](#)
- [Garden.org](#)
- [Garden Web forums](#)- online forums on every gardening topic
- [Gardenline](#): Vegetable fact sheets from U of Sask.
- [Gardening Launch Pad](#)
- [Greenhouse Gardening](#)
- [Greenet - Chicago's Greening Network](#)
- [Heirloom Gardener's Assistant](#)
- [Homestead Harvest](#)
- [ICanGarden](#)
- [ISU Entomology Image Gallery](#): Name that bug
- [Journey to Forever](#): a wonderful, extensive website with tons of great information on urban ag, organics, composting, sustainable practices, children's projects.... Make sure to check out the [Small Farms Library](#)
- [National Gardening Association](#)
- [Organic Agriculture Information](#)
- [Organic Gardening](#): Basics
- [Path To Freedom](#): A self-sufficient lifestyle in an urban environment
- [RecGarden Ecosystems](#)- garden usenet with ecological perspective
- [Seattle Tilth](#): Organic Gardening, Composting, Urban Ecology

- [SEEDS: South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces, Inc.](#)
- [TerraViva Organics](#)
- [The Garden Link](#)
- [The Openlands Project](#)
- [U of Maryland Plant Diagnostic Website](#)
- [U of Tennessee Greenhouse Building Plans](#)
- [U of Tennessee Machinery and Supply Storage Plans](#)
- [Urban Greening](#)
- [Watch Your Garden Grow](#)
- [Austin Farmers Market](#), Austin, Texas
- [Chicago Community Gardeners Farmers Market](#)
- [Community Food Security Coalition](#)
- [FoodShare Toronto](#)
- [Organics for All](#)
- [Plant a Row For the Hungry](#) USA
- [Plant A Row / Grow a Row](#) Canada
- [Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma](#)
- [Sustainable Food Center](#) Austin, Texas
- [Toronto Food Policy Council](#)
- [USDA Nutrition](#)
- [USDA's Food Security Resources](#)
- [Why Hunger](#)
- [Why Hunger - Newsletters](#)



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