

**It's Thyme to Grow!**  
**Marie's Community Garden Park**

Welcome and thank you for your interest in community gardening! The **Marie's Community Garden Park** initiative welcomes your involvement. In partnership with residents and stakeholders, these community gardens are a project to encourage community well-being, to connect neighbors, educate youth and individuals on gardening, and to provide wholesome produce and ornamental plants for neighborhood benefit.

**Marie's Community Garden Park** provides 10 x 10 and 10 x 20 plots located on land used in arrangement with the City of Aurora. Therefore, individuals interested in garden plots are requested to complete the 2019 Garden Application Form and to read and confirm acceptance of **Marie's Community Garden Park** Rules and Regulations. Applications should be returned by US Mail or in person.

Through evaluation of this growing project, we hope to continue to create and implement additional sites, developing gardens for individuals, families, organizations and school children. Thank you for your interest in and support of **Marie's Community Garden Park!**

Address for Submitting Materials:

For consideration, all forms must be filled out completely and include 2019 garden enrollment contribution (\$20.00/\$30.00 per plot).

Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry  
834 N. Highland Ave  
Aurora, IL 60506

During their open hours, completed materials may also be left in an envelope at the pantry, care of **Marie's Community Garden Park**. Please do not return materials through online correspondence as garden enrollment contributions must be included with a check or money order made payable to Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry.

**We look forward to growing together as neighbors!**

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Please PRINT legibly or TYPE this form. Unreadable or incomplete applications will not be processed.

Children and Youth are welcome and encouraged to participate with **Marie's Community Garden Park**; however, the application must be submitted and Garden Contract signed by adult(s) with responsibility to be onsite for supervision of plot(s).

\_\_\_\_\_By checking here, we/I certify to being over age 18 years old and to having read, agreed and signed to the Rules and Regulations for **Marie's Community Garden Park, Aurora, Illinois**. (To work in the plots and participate in the Gardens, **ALL** adult participants must initial acknowledgement of Garden Rules and Regulations and sign the completed form to be enrolled as 2019 Gardeners.) Additionally, it is required to have a signed Hold harmless agreement by everyone who will be on the garden premises.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Night \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Co-Applicant(s) or other Adult Family Member(s) for persons sharing plots. Please list additional Gardeners here or attach sheet(s) to provide information for each adult applicant.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Night \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 10 ft by 10 ft garden plots requested \_\_\_\_\_ (deposit \$20 each), Plot # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 10 ft by 20 ft garden plots requested \_\_\_\_\_ (deposit \$30 each), Plot # \_\_\_\_\_

If possible, I would like to reserve garden next to another Applicant, Name: \_\_\_\_\_

My garden experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Never Gardened Before / \_\_\_\_\_ Some Garden Experience  
\_\_\_\_\_ Very Experienced Gardener / \_\_\_\_\_ Would offer assistance to novice gardeners.

\_\_\_\_\_ My name & contact information may be listed in Gardens Directory for participants.

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize videotape or photograph recording of my (and/or those who accompany me to gardens) participation and give permission for images to be used in garden publicity/promotion.

In the event of unanticipated weather conditions, growing season adjustment for Community Gardens may allow extension, with Landowner approval. However, for the 2019 schedule, we have garden sites approved for fall access. **Gardeners understand and accept the Gardens' Clean-up date of 10/31/2019**. All harvests must be completed by this date to receive your plot deposit refund to be received no later than Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. \_\_\_\_\_ please initial agreement.

**Please attach a signed and initialed 2019 Rules and Regulations Form included to complete the 2019 Application Process.**

# Marie's Community Garden Park – N. Highland Ave, Aurora, IL

## Garden Application / 2019 Rules and Regulations Contract

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Gardener Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please read this Application carefully and have each adult applicant initial acknowledgement and understanding of all Garden Agreement Rules and Regulations:

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I include \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help cover garden expenses. (\$20.00/\$30.00 per plot).

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will have prepared the garden beginning **May 15, 2019**, having something planted in the assigned garden plot(s) by **May 31, 2019** and will keep it planted and maintained throughout the garden season.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I understand plots are limited to four (4) per applicant family, additional plots, if available will be on a first come, first serve lease after **June 1, 2019**.

\_\_\_\_\_ We are/I am aware that this land is used through the arrangement with Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry and the City of Aurora who maintains the right and decision to end this program, tilling, reseeding, and/or cleaning/removing produce, at any time and for any reason they deem detrimental to them and/or grounds, without compensation or restitution.

\_\_\_\_\_ If we/I must abandon the plot for any reason, we/I will notify the Garden Leadership through the address/contact information provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain areas immediately surrounding my plot.

\_\_\_\_\_ If the assigned plot becomes unkempt, violation notice will be sent via US Mail to the primary address listed on this Application. We/I will have one (1) week from the date of the correspondence postmark to clean and restore the plot. Your plot will be flagged as notified; failure to comply will result in forfeiture of plot(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will keep trash and litter out of the plot as well as from adjacent pathways, garden perimeter, area fences, and nearby park lands. This includes empty flats or plastic pots. We/I will not bring household trash to the Community Gardens, to site garbage cans, or to compost area.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will access the garden only during open hours, (sunup to sundown).

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I understand that onsite water access is may not available: therefore, we/I will provide water from home.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I agree, during the **2019** Season, to contribute a total of 8 volunteer hours, at specified tasks identified by Garden Leadership, to assist in maintaining the overall shared garden areas. A Gardens Logbook to list and record maintenance tasks will be implemented and it is our/my responsibility to confirm registering hours. This is a Community Gardening project, requiring everyone's efforts to maintain grounds and paths.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will participate in the fall cleanup of the garden and will comply with garden's closing date established by the property lease as **October 31, 2019**.

\_\_\_\_\_ If tall plants are desired, we/I will plant crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will restrict addition of metal tomato stakes, garden trellises, etc. to four feet in height and will ensure that all plantings, garden products, and equipment brought or used remains in the assigned garden plot only.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will pick our/my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will not add plastic mulches to the garden site.

\_\_\_\_\_ If we/I use wire cages or perimeter markers, these additions are our/my responsibility to maintain and must be located within the assigned garden plot perimeter. We/I will not cross over boundaries established by the Garden Leadership. We/I accept responsibility for bringing, maintaining, and using our/my own garden tools. We/I understand that no garden tools or gardening equipment may be left on the garden site.

\_\_\_\_\_ **As Organic as possible. The use of pesticides and herbicides in the gardens is prohibited ~ try organic alternatives.** Invasive weeds or grasses will be pulled by hand or otherwise mechanically removed as needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I will not plant any illegal plant. We/I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in gardens. We/I will not come to gardens while under influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. We/I will not bring

weapons or pets or other animals to gardens. We/I will speak and act respectfully to other gardeners and community neighbors, prohibiting discriminatory or abusive behaviors.

\_\_\_\_\_ We/I understand that guests and visitors, including children, may enter garden plots only if an enrolled Gardener accompanies them. Guests/visitors must follow all rules, terms and conditions stated for the Marie's Community Garden Park. We/I will supervise and accept responsibility at all times for children who accompany us/me. Gardeners are solely responsible for the behavior of their guests.

I understand that neither the garden group nor lessee and owners of the land (premises) are responsible for my actions. I THERFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE MARIE WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY(MWFP), MWFPs board of directors-director-volunteers, CHARITY BLOOMS (CB), CBs board of directors, CITY OF AURORA, MARIE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN PARK GROUP FOR ANY LIABILITY, ACTIONS, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS. Without limiting the generality of foregoing, I agree that this waiver and release shall include any rights or causes of action resulting from any personal injury, death or damage to my property sustained in connection either any activity performed on the Premises. With this signature, I confirm that I am aware of and agree to the statements and conditions listed above.

Mail completed application and Garden enrollment contribution to: Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, 834 N. Highland Ave., Aurora, IL 60506.

Printed Name\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Co-Gardener  
Printed Name\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Please list the name/gender identity of minor children who will be gardening in your plot:

- 1)\_\_\_\_\_ 2)\_\_\_\_\_
- 3)\_\_\_\_\_ 4)\_\_\_\_\_
- 5)\_\_\_\_\_ 6)\_\_\_\_\_

**Untended plots will be returned to the care of the Garden Leadership for re-assignment.**

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Mailing Address:  
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834 N. Highland Ave.  
Aurora, IL 60506  
Phone: 630.897.5431

<http://mariewilkinsonfoodpantry.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/mariescommunitygardenpark>  
Email: mariescommunitygardenpark@gmail.com

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
**May 15-31, 2019 – Prepare and plant garden**  
**June 1, 2019 – Extra plots available for lease**  
**October 31, 2019 – Fall clean up, garden closing.**