

Forest Street Community Garden Plot Application

Please complete the following information and return application and fee(s) to:

Forest St. Community Gardens

CO: **North River Fronts Neighborhood Assn.**

529 Hobart Street

Eau Claire, WI 54703

Primary gardener contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the following (I am interested in):

_____ **Single Plot** (20'x 20') \$35.00 _____ **Double Plot** (2 - 20'x20's) \$60.00

_____ **Donation**

Payment is non-refundable

Make check payable to: North River Fronts Neighborhood Association I would like up to _____ additional single contiguous plots if available. **Do not include payment for additional plots until you have received confirmation from the Garden Coordinator.**

I would like my plot tilled in the Spring: _____(yes) _____(no)

I qualify for the reduced rate of \$20/plot: _____(yes) _____(no)

You must show proof of qualification for Food Assistance, or that your children qualify for free or reduced lunch at school

If you have any requests, or have any special needs regarding your garden plot, please let us know, we will make every effort to accommodate your requests: eauclorecommunitygarden@gmail.com

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

The City of Eau Claire and the North River Fronts Neighborhood Assn. will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or damages, nor will they be responsible for any theft, damage to, loss of, or replacement of any belongings, equipment, materials, or tools, or plantings. There is no security for any personal belongings. Failure to follow any garden or public area rules and regulations, after reasonable attempt to notify gardener, will result in loss of gardening plot. Gardener may seek to re-establish gardening privileges and will work with the garden coordinator to do so. The gardener will not be eligible for any refund or reimbursement for any seed, plantings, or other materials left at gardening site.

Please make sure that you have read and understand the attached rules and guideline sheet, and sign below indicating that you agree to the rules and conditions.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Gardener paid in full: _____Yes _____No

Gardener is a continuing plot holder: _____ Yes _____ No

Gardener has been assigned plot: _____

Forest St. Community Garden – Plot Gardeners

The goal of the Forest St. Community Garden is to provide an area for individuals and families to garden, and to build and nurture community friendships to share and enhance gardening skills.

A single garden plot will be approximately 20x20'; multiple (contiguous and non-contiguous) garden plots may also be available. Plots designed for special needs may also be available, if you have specific needs please state them on your application, attempts to make reasonable accommodations will be made. The annual fee for each 20x20' plot is \$35.00 to be paid at the time of application (or \$60 for two plots). Gardeners from the prior year will have the first opportunity to continue their garden spots the following year and their plot will be reserved for them as soon as payment for the new garden season is made.

The Forest St. Community Garden group would like to encourage all plot holders to give some of their harvest to the hungry. We encourage you to donate produce directly to the Community Table (320 Putnam Street Eau Claire, WI 54703. (715) 835-4977) Inquire to find out about open hours for drop-offs. Please compost spoiled or over ripe produce – do not attempt to donate it.

Forest St. Community Garden Etiquette:

- We encourage you to participate in the gardeners educational sessions, potlucks and volunteer days to build relationships and enhance your gardening experience.
- If planting tall crops, do so where they won't shade other garden plots.
- Weed and maintain your garden regularly as weed seeds quickly spread and make more work for other gardeners. Do not compost weeds with seeds on them.
- Remove pests and plants with diseases often as they will quickly spread to other plots.
- Never borrow tools from another gardener without permission; tools are available for you to use from the pavilion garden shed if you do not have your own.
- Do not pick any produce from another plot even if you think that plot has been abandoned or neglected.
- Notify the Garden Coordinator if you think a plot is abandoned.
- Please walk with care, and do not trample surrounding plants in another plot. Please watch children and monitor their activities so that they do not disturb fellow gardeners' plots.
- Do not remove plot markers, if you are unsure of your boundaries please contact the Garden Coordinator.
- Use personal music players instead of radios in the garden and please no loud cell phone use.
- Pets are welcome though not encouraged in the gardening area. Please prevent your pet from wandering through the gardens and trampling plants or going to the bathroom in the gardening area.
- Throw all rocks removed from your garden over the berm and keep them out of common pathways as these spaces are regularly mowed - and we don't want the mowers to break a blade.
- If you have a concern or issue with a gardening neighbor please address it with him/her in a neighborly manner. If the issue cannot be resolved please contact the Garden Coordinator to resolve the matter.

Community Garden Coordinator: eauclairecommunitygarden@gmail.com

Forest St. Community Garden Guidelines

Please note that we are continuously striving to improve the community gardens. If you have any suggestions or comments please kindly share them! We are looking forward to many years of happy gardening and to expand gardening in our community.

Planting Guidelines and Responsibilities

- I plan to attend the spring volunteer weekend in May and the fall volunteer weekend in October or will speak to the garden coordinator regarding work opportunities. (Dates to be determined in the spring).
- I will plant my garden promptly. If I must abandon my garden I will notify the gardening coordinator as soon as possible.
- I will harvest all my plant material at the end of season and remove all stakes, tools, tomato cages, and other materials as directed by gardening coordinator, our lease with the city and the neighborhood.
- Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the right to a plot in the next season.
- I will compost all appropriate plant material and carry out all garbage. I will not put trash in the compost pile. I will pay attention to signs indicating what can and cannot be composted (i.e. no tomato or potato vines, no weeds with seeds on them, etc.).
- I will maintain my garden plot, including weeding. I will be notified if my plot is excessively weedy and will be given a reasonable period to clean it up. If I do not comply, my plot may be forfeited to another gardener.
- I will not plant trees, shrubs, etc. in the community garden.
- I will not use synthetic (non-organic) chemicals. For the health of our community, it is the goal of the community garden to have a natural garden, only natural defenses against insects and disease may be used. "Roundup", Rotenone and other neurotoxins are also prohibited. Other organic compounds may be subject to a decision from the City of Eau Claire.
- I will not extend my garden past the plot markers. Or will be asked to remove plants that extend past the markers, and if not done in a two week period, plants may be removed without warning.
- I will keep aisles and walkways free of tools and weeds. I will not plant invasive species such as mint, comfrey etc. that may spread to other areas of the garden.

I will volunteer one day at the beginning of the season and end of the season to help clean up the gardens. I understand that the use of the Community Garden falls subject to a lease between the city and the North River Fronts Neighborhood Association. All reasonable efforts are made to come to agreement with the city about policies and procedures for using this city land. Once the lease is signed all gardeners must follow rules outlined in the lease. I understand that neither the City of Eau Claire, nor the North River Fronts Neighborhood Association are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE (OWNS THE LAND) THE NORTH RIVER FRONTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. (MANAGES THE LAND) FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS AS SIGNED ON THE EAU CLAIRE COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FORM.

Plots will be assigned with priority to renters of the previous season. Members of the community on the waiting list will be offered a plot on a first come first served basis. If there are still remaining plots the public will be notified and also offered on a first come first served basis. We will make every attempt to accommodate everyone's requests and try to fill plots in as fair a manner as we reasonably can.