



**2021 Huffman Park Community Gardens
Plot Application & Agreement Form**
City of Fairfield, Parks and Recreation
411 Wessel Dr., Fairfield, OH 45014
513-867-5348 | www.FairfieldOH.gov/Parks

Returning Gardener Fees: \$30 R/ NR (non-refundable) - payable to the "City of Fairfield" and must be paid in full at the time of registration before October 31 of the current gardening year.

Community Garden Plot Reservation and Huffman Park Rules:

- **Residents may reserve one plot.** Open plots after this date will be made available to new gardeners & non-residents.
- Plots will be assigned on a first come, first served basis and are limited to **ONE per household.**
- Current gardeners in good standing will be allowed to register before October 31st to garden through the winter and reserve their plot for the following year.
- Between April 15 & October 31 the community garden is available from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.
- Gardeners will be given advance notice of at least 15 days for any dates that access to the gardens will be restricted.
- Children are welcome to join you in your garden, but must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.
- No drugs or alcohol are permitted on City of Fairfield property, including Huffman Park.
- Pets are permitted in the garden only if on a leash. Always clean up after your pets.

Garden Plot Details:

- Each gardener will be allocated one (1) 8' x 16' plot in the Huffman Park Community Gardens.
- A water source and hose is provided. Please use water responsibly. Do not use the water source for more than 30 minutes. Do not turn hose/sprinkler on and leave the garden; you must stay on site if using the water source.
- Limited storage space will be available to each gardener in the community storage shed. Shed is to be locked when not in use and before leaving the gardens. The City of Fairfield Parks & Recreation Department is not responsible for lost or missing items from the shed. It is recommended that each gardener label his/her tools.
- Compost bins will be provided for appropriate organic material from the gardens – plant parts, rotted fruit or vegetables, root material and leaves are all suitable compost materials. No wood, branches, sticks, trash or other waste may be placed in the compost bins. Please review composting guidelines provided at Garden Opening.

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Gardeners Responsibilities:

- Maintain garden plot during the season including: tilling, planting, adding compost, watering, weeding, and harvesting
- Close garden plot by October 31, returning it to bare soil (no weeds or plants) and leaf compost if provided.
- Keep all the walkways clear and free of trash, plant materials, weeds, and supplies.
- Provide gardening tools. For safety reasons, no tools or supplies of any kind may be left unattended at the garden site.
- Harvest **ONLY** their own crops, unless given written permission by another gardener.
- Notify the Parks & Recreation Department if they are unable to maintain their plot for an extended period of time. If any plot becomes unkempt through neglect, the gardener will be given notice to clean it up. If the cleanup does not occur, the plot will be subject to reassignment.
- **Failure by the gardener to comply with the terms of this Returning Gardener Agreement may result in the termination hereof, and may exclude them from future garden agreements with the Parks & Recreation Department.**

Garden Use Rules:

- Do not use fertilizers, insecticides, or weed repellants that will affect other plots in any way.
- **Restricted Plants:** Noxious plants, invasive plants, or other illegal plants are not allowed.
- Fences must appear neat and not exceed 36 inches in height. Supports will be made of standard materials, and may not obstruct vision throughout the garden. Metal fencing of any kind is prohibited except trellises and wire used to grow climbing plants, which may not exceed six feet.
- **Do not throw** trash, weeds, plant material, spoiled fruits or vegetables in the field surrounding the garden.



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Huffman Park Community Gardens – Gardener Information
All fields must be completed legibly for agreement to be accepted.

Gardener Name: _____

Gardener Address: _____

Phone (Please check preferred contact number)

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Gardener E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

This Garden Agreement is subject to change. All rules, guidelines, and policies of the City of Fairfield and the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board override any of the information in this Garden Agreement should it be determined there is a conflict.

I have read and understand the Huffman Park Community Gardens Gardener Agreement.

 Gardener's Signature Date

Release and Indemnification – Gardener assumes the risk of his/her gardening and related activities hereunder and releases the City of Fairfield, its officers, agents and employees from any and all liability for injuries, damages or losses incurred in the course of such activities. Gardener agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the City of Fairfield, its officers, agents and employees, from and against legal liability for all claims, losses, damages, and expenses to the extent such claims, losses, damages or expenses are caused by his/her negligent acts, errors, or omissions. In the event such claims, losses, damages or expenses are caused by the joint or concurrent negligence of the Gardener and the City of Fairfield, such liability shall be borne by each party in proportion to its own negligence.

 Gardener's Signature Date

 Printed Name

Return this form with payment to: Huffman Community Gardens
 c/o Kari Russo
 411 Wessel Drive
 Fairfield, OH 45014

For office use only:	
Date Received _____	Received By _____
Payment: _____	