

## 2018 Clatskanie Farmers Market - Community Garden - Application

It is every gardener's responsibility to read the bullet points below as well as all the rules and regulations. Failure to comply with the rules could jeopardize your standing as a gardener at the Clatskanie Farmers Market (CFM) Community Garden. As this is the introductory year, there shall be no fees associated with your use of the garden. Participation in future years may result in a nominal application fee to cover water usage, supplies, etc. This garden is located on the property of Dr. Briggs, N.D. near Lillich St & Nehalem St, across from the public library.

This application should be completed and mailed to the CFM Market Site Manager, Heidi Cramer: (Questions? Email: [clatskaniecommunitygarden@gmail](mailto:clatskaniecommunitygarden@gmail.com) or call (971) 808-1348)

Clatskanie Farmers Market, Attn: Heidi Cramer, PO BOX 1501, Clatskanie, OR 97016

Alternatively, this application may be hand delivered to Amie Kopecky at the garden 8 to 9:30 on market Saturdays

- New gardeners (per family/household) may request one plot. Additional plots may be made available as enrollment allows.
- Gardeners are required to maintain their own plots: planting, weeding, watering, harvesting, etc. as needed. Failure to do so to the satisfaction of the CFM Garden Coordinator may result in your plot being cared for and harvested by someone else as designated by CFM.
- Rototilling Plots: We do not allow any power rototilling of any sections of the garden. However, we can arrange for you to use a broad fork (hand tool) to till it with human power. Currently, the beds are amended and ready for use. The CFM Garden Coordinator shall maintain the grass pathways by mowing and weed-eating.
- All of our plots are designated as organic plots meaning only organic gardening methods are allowed. Use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides made from synthetic materials as well as use of chemical fertilizers is forbidden. Well composted animal manure or manure tea may be used. No treated lumber has been, or will be, used in the plots.

1. Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

2. Partner/Spouse/Co-Gardener: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How did you hear about the garden? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Would it be okay to provide your name and email and/or phone number to a fellow gardener whose plot is near yours if they need someone to water, weed or pick produce during vacations, illnesses or family emergencies? \_\_\_\_\_(yes/no) Sharing Contact Information

8. By submitting this application, you agree to do the following:

- Keep your plot weeded and tended weekly
- Abide by decisions made by the gardeners who participate in coordinating the garden
- Follow garden rules (they will be posted in the garden as well)
- Assist with general garden maintenance/improvements in the spring & fall (dates TBD)

9. Photo permission: Members of the CFM, volunteers and the news media sometimes take photos at the garden. Please indicate here if you DO NOT want your photo to be a part of publicity materials. (If you do not want to be in published photos, please inform any photographer you see at the garden about that.) \_\_\_\_\_ (yes/no) Photo Permission

10. Personal responsibility: “By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the regulations of the CFM Community Garden as specifically outlined in this application. I agree to hold harmless CFM, Dr. John Briggs (owner of the land), the City of Clatskanie; and all of their officers, employees, volunteers, representatives, directors or agents from and against all liability claims, suits, damages, levies, cost, losses and fees including attorney fees arising out of or related to my activities within the garden; and for bodily harm, damage, or loss of any kind arising from, or in any manner connected with, my participation in the garden. I understand that my assigned plot is at the discretion of the CFM Garden Coordinator.”

*By signing below, you agree to the items outlined above and you agree to abide by the Community Gardens General Information, Rules and Expectations listed on subsequent pages.*

Signed: (Gardener responsible for plot) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Materials provided for by CFM are limited to your designated garden plot (a raised garden bed), the soil in the raised bed, and water. The tool shed will be opened on Mondays from 3-6pm to loan out hand tools. If weather or other events prevent the Coordinator from being onsite to open the shed, an email notification will be sent, and if possible, another CFM member may be on site. You are always free to use the garden at dates and times as work best for you. Gardeners are responsible for their own seeds, plants and plant markers. Please confer with the coordinator before installing stakes, netting, row cover, trellising or any such materials.

How will you know whether you have received a plot? If you are assigned a plot, you will receive an email (and a follow-up phone call if you do not confirm receipt of the email). Please do not begin gardening until you receive confirmation of your plot which will include a plot #.

Please read and keep the 2017 Clatskanie Farmers Market Community Garden General Information, Rules and Expectations on pages 3-5. Please return pages 1 and 2 of this application after making a copy for your records.

## **Read and Keep These Rules:**

This Community Garden is organized and run by volunteers. Please bring forward all complaints, suggestions and such in a respectful manner.

**PLANTING DEADLINE:** Due to our short growing season, please plan to plant your plot by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The CFM Garden Coordinator will monitor to see that plots are being tended and actively planted by this date. If there is no obvious activity, you will be contacted and asked if you plan to garden this season so that your plot can be reassigned if needed.

**“WEED or LOSE YOUR PLOT” POLICY:** Gardeners are required to weed at least once a week. During long absences from the garden, gardeners should find a friend or relative to weed for them and maintain their garden plot. If arrangements for someone else to care for your garden have been made, please inform the CFM Garden Coordinator. If a gardener needs temporary assistance due to an illness or injury and the gardener cannot find friends or family to help, they may request help from other gardeners by contacting the CFM Garden Coordinator. The gardener must agree to provide their email and/or phone number to other gardeners, so they can be contacted directly. The CFM Garden Coordinator will send a request for assistance to the gardeners listing the email and/or phone number of the gardener needing assistance, instructing those interested to contact the gardener directly. The gardener who needs temporary assistance will ultimately remain responsible for the upkeep of their plot whether anyone stepped forward to help or not. In addition, the request for assistance should be for a temporary, short-term situation due to injury or illness. If circumstances are such that a gardener cannot take care of their plot long term due to their situation, they should consider giving up their plot and reapplying in the future.

**REPORTING WEEDY PLOTS:** Confidential complaints about weedy plots, or other concerns, may be made by contacting the CFM Garden Coordinator. Final decisions regarding such complaints will be made by the CFM Garden Coordinator.

**PLOT MONITORING** is performed regularly by the CFM Garden Coordinator from June through October. If gardeners continually leave garbage, weeds in the paths, etc, they may be asked to forfeit their plot for the current year. Please be considerate that this garden is in a prominent and public place and is on privately owned property. The appearance of this garden reflects on the owner of this land, on the City, and on CFM. Flowers in the plots are encouraged: consider planting marigolds in the corners for beauty and as a natural pest deterrent.

**PRODUCE:** Food grown in assigned plots at the community garden is intended for personal consumption only and may not be sold. Certain plots are designated for exclusive use by CFM. Please refrain from EVER harvesting produce from any plot except your own.

**GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY:** Please show respect for other gardeners by not accessing other plots without permission. Plants that are taller than 4 feet must not be grown. Other tall plants may require staking so as to not fall into other plots or onto the pathways. The garden sustains windy afternoons and compact, bushy plants are well suited for this garden. In fact, in raised beds it is encouraged to use dwarf and bush varieties only. Perennials that are difficult for

successive gardeners to eradicate must not be grown (e.g., Jerusalem artichokes, horseradish, comfrey, mint, etc.). If you have questions about such perennials or self-seeding plants, please ask. Harassment, theft, criminal behavior, or repeated use of banned substances will be grounds for expulsion. If you notice a fellow gardener violating any garden rules, please contact the CFM Garden Coordinator. Because this garden is prominently located in the middle of town, on the grounds of a busy doctor's office, please refrain from boisterous activity and noise that may disturb the neighboring businesses.

**TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN GARDEN PLOTS:** The use of tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or chewing tobacco is prohibited in garden plots. Tobacco products can: 1) harbor the tomato mosaic virus; 2) have negative health consequences for garden neighbors (e.g., asthma); and 3) be a fire hazard. If you wish to use tobacco products, please step outside of the garden and away from people, and then dispose of materials appropriately. If you use tobacco products, you **MUST** wash your hands well before entering the garden. Additionally: Do not drink alcohol in the garden.

**GROWING MARIJUANA,** invasive species or other illegal plants is prohibited.

**NO OPEN FLAMES ALLOWED:** No open flames will be allowed anywhere in the garden. Examples include propane blow torches to suppress weeds, and barbecue grills.

**PATH MAINTENANCE:** Gardeners are responsible for keeping paths abutting their plots passable and free from debris, weeds, sticks, rocks, wood chips and other wayward materials. **NEVER PLACE WOOD CHIPS OR PLANT DEBRIS ON THE PATHS BETWEEN PLOTS OR OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER OF YOUR PLOT.** Do not dig or plant outside of your plot boundaries. **TOOLS** should be brushed off and returned to the shed after use. The CFM Garden Coordinator will open the shed up from 3-6pm on Mondays. Personal items must not be stored in the shed.

**WATER** must not be wasted. Any leaks in the hose should be reported to the CFM Garden Coordinator immediately. Please use caution when maneuvering the hose around the garden so as not to drag the hose into other plots. Ideally, enlist a helper when negotiating the hose around the garden. Sprinklers and soaker hoses in your plots are not allowed. Watering is to be done by hand: hose with "gentle watering" attachment, or watering can. The hose may be disconnected from the street-side facet if it is found to be left on. The faucet may need to be locked if water theft/misuse occurs.

**WOOD CHIPS/OTHER MULCH:** Mulch such as leaves, grass clippings or straw are encouraged. Wood chips are allowed **WITHIN** the plot boundaries only, but since we are an all-organic garden, gardeners should not purchase and use within their plots the dyed wood chips available at many stores. Carpet mulch, plastic sheeting and stone mulch are **NOT** allowed anywhere in plots, outside the perimeter of plots, or in the paths between plots.

**ORGANIC MANURE** that is well-composted or sterilized is allowed. Because of the risk of bacterial contamination (e.g., E coli), fresh manure is only allowed in the month of November, so

it has time to decompose over winter. Never use fresh manure near still viable crops. For more info about safe applications of manure, please ask the CFM Garden Coordinator.

VANDALISM AND THEFT has not been an issue in the past 4 years. This concern will be addressed if it comes up, including the possible use of a gate lock, etc. CFM has no responsibility for lost or damaged personal property or crops.

VEHICLES/RESTROOMS: Only park in a designated parking spot or on the street. Please do not park in Dr. Briggs driveway or on the lawn outside of the garden. Please do not use the public library restrooms - especially when you are dirty – use the restrooms in the main city park.

DOGS are not allowed in the garden. No exceptions. Your dog may not be tied up outside of the garden, unattended. It is not appropriate to leave a noisy dog in a vehicle as this may disrupt neighboring businesses.

CHILDREN must be accompanied by their parents and at all times must respect garden property. Do not let your children play with the water, walk on the edges of raised beds, or step into a raised bed. Do not let your children harvest or otherwise interfere with any other plot. Children using the play area in the park are doing so with your permission and/or supervision. CFM is not responsible for activities that occur outside of the garden perimeter.

PLANT REFUSE: Old stalks and seedless weed stems may be used as mulch within your plots as surface compost around plants. Undesirable plant material or propagating seed heads should be added to the compost bin or taken home to be burned or disposed of. Diseased plants should be bagged up and removed from property. No weeds, old plants or dirt should be placed in the paths between plots, deposited in the trash bins or anywhere else on the property. Please do not use Dr. Briggs' dumpster for garbage – from the garden or otherwise – and plan to haul all of your trash home. Failure to do so may result in “bad standing.”

ORGANIC GARDENING METHODS ONLY: All garden plots are to be tended using organic gardening methods. Use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides made from synthetic materials as well as use of chemical fertilizers (such as Miracle-Gro) is strictly forbidden. No treated lumber should be used in the plots as the chemicals used in the lumber do not conform to organic gardening methods.

PLOT CLEAN UP: Gardeners receive plots “as-is” and are expected to clean up their plot in the fall at a TBD date and time. IF the gardener is in good standing and intends to return next year, stakes and crops, etc, may remain in place and gardening may continue all year round. If the plot is cleaned up in the fall, it will likely be mulched or planted in a cover crop for the winter.

\*Numbered plot stakes should remain in place from season to season.

**Suggested reading:**

Square Foot Gardening, by Mel Bartholomew; Grow All You Can Eat in 3 Square Feet, by DK

Any other questions? Please address them to the CFM Garden Coordinator. Welcome to this new adventure... and Happy Gardening!