



Maywood Community Garden Agreement

Is your Maywood organization or Maywood resident interested in using a garden bed this year? Please complete this form and return it to the Maywood Green Team c/o Tara Grunstra, 15 Park Avenue, Maywood, NJ 07607. Email tgrunstra@maywoodboro.org or call 201-845-2900 ext. 211 for more information.

(Organization's Name) or (Resident's Name)

Agrees to regularly maintain the assigned planting bed at the Maywood Community Garden during the 2024 season (April – October) and promises to abide by Maywood's municipal laws, Community Garden rules and generally act as good citizens and neighbors.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Spring Clean-Up Day:** Saturday, 4/6/24 @ 9am (Raindate 4/13/24)
- **Planting Day:** Saturday, 5/4/24 @ 9am (Raindate 5/11/24)
- **Monthly Maintenance Days:**
 - June – Saturday, 6/1/24 @ 9am (Raindate 6/8/24)
 - July – Saturday, 7/6/24 @ 9am (Raindate 7/13/24)
 - August – Saturday, 8/3/24 @ 9am (Raindate 8/10/24)
 - September – Saturday, 9/7/24 @ 9am (Raindate 9/14/24)
- **Fall Clean-Up Day:** Saturday, 10/5/24 @ 9am (Raindate 10/12/24)

SUGGESTED PLANTS

Spring/Fall: Beets, Spinach, Lettuce, Radishes, Cabbage

Summer: Tomatoes, Okra, Carrots, Cucumber, Beans, Eggplant, Peppers, Herbs, Squash, Flowers

Garden registration will begin on Wednesday, 3/6/24. Gardeners will be assigned a garden bed and will be required to attend the Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday, 4/6/24 @ 9am. Please bring your gardening tools and volunteers. All garden beds will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. There will be a waiting list compiled should one of the organizations or residents not be able to fulfill their obligations.

RULES OF OPERATION

Hours: The Community Garden will be open from dawn until dusk each day.

Minimum Age Requirement: All gardeners interested in using a garden plot must be 18 years of age or older. Minors may assist in planting and maintaining beds so long as they are supervised by an adult guardian.

Season Opening: The Community Garden will open for planting on Saturday, 5/4/24 @ 9am. Cultivation and planting must be started on or before Saturday, 6/1/24. If crops have not been planted by then, the garden bed will be forfeited and made available to another resident or organization. **Garden beds must be tended throughout the planting season.** There will be a mandatory fall clean-up day scheduled for Saturday, 10/5/24 @ 9am. Gardeners should plan on spending at minimum two to four hours per week on garden maintenance. Gardeners will need to supply their own stakes and cages should their plantings require them.

Harvesting: Crops must be harvested once they are mature. Leaving the mature crops to rot will not be permitted and all ripened crops will be picked and donated to a food pantry.

Weeding: Maintenance of garden beds includes WEEDING. All weeds, rocks and other similar waste are to be disposed of in the designated receptacles or taken off site.

Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides: For the health and safety of all participants, only organic methods and products are to be used in the Community Garden – all others are prohibited.

Gardener Absences: Kindly notify Tara Grunstra if you will be unable to maintain your garden bed for a period of time (i.e.: vacation or illness) or should you want to rescind your garden bed. The Green Team will maintain a list of garden members that will volunteer their time to maintain your garden bed during your absence.

Visitors, Guests, Children: The Gardener agrees to accompany and supervise any guest, visitor and/or children visiting the Community Garden at all times and also agrees to be responsible for the conduct of any of these parties. The Community Garden will not be held responsible for the conduct of these parties.

HOLD HARMLESS

In consideration for participation of the Community Garden activities for 2024 the undersigned agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the Borough of Maywood and its officers, agents, members, servants, employees and assigns harmless from any and all liability, demands, claims, suits, losses, injuries, damages, judgments, expenses, costs and attorney's fees arising out of the use of the property referred to above. I understand that this Hold Harmless Agreement also requires that the Borough of Maywood is indemnified from any and all liability, claims, demands, damages, judgements, expenses and costs of any kind resulting from the acts or omissions from any guest, participant, visitor or other person attending the event herein referred to. Unless waived in writing by the Borough of Maywood.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2024 as the binding act in deed of

Authorized Signature

Witness

Check box if you do NOT agree to have the harvested ripened products donated to a food pantry from your garden bed should it not be maintained and harvested in accordance with this signed agreement.