



Lake Charles Community Garden Application

Date of Application _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Home number: _____

Cell number: _____

Email address: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Plans for Garden (Edible or Decorative) _____

Plans for Harvest (Sale/ Donate/Other) _____

What type of organization are you? (Circle all that apply)

Public School Civic group Private School

Nonprofit Agency Garden Club

Other please explain: _____

(First priority given to educational or youth groups)

There is no annual fee for the first year.

By completing this application you acknowledge that you will forfeit your plot if it is not attended for a 2-week period of time so that others may have the opportunity to actively participate in this program. You also acknowledge that you will be responsible for your group, bring your own plants, and tools, and take all waste with you when you leave.

Lake Charles Community Garden

Mission: to create community gardens that foster opportunities for community engagement, education, beautification and the basic principles of agricultural economics

Goals:

- **Create Safe Spaces** for community interaction and fun across all ages, cultures and incomes;
- **Create Local Sustainable Food Source** for area residents, and food banks
- **Create Spaces of Beauty** by encouraging the creation of a variety of garden types including Flower, Art, Butterfly, and Senior/Challenged Accessible;
- **Engage and Educate** the public on *nutrition, environment, stewardship, diversity and civic responsibility* in cooperation with local schools and other area organizations;

Application and Revocation of Plot Assignments:

1. All garden applicants must identify a primary contact person. The contact person will be responsible for their group, report any grievances to the Advisory Committee and pass along any information regarding the Lake Charles Community Garden to their group.
2. Rule violations will result in a 15 day period in which the group will correct the situation or forfeit their plot.
3. If your plot is revoked, you may reapply after one year has passed depending on plot availability.
4. The contact person for each group will attend an orientation session to familiarize themselves with the rules and goals of the Lake Charles Community Garden.

Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

1. I will use this garden at the sole discretion of the Lake Charles Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. My group will plant within two weeks once plots have been assigned. I will garden year-round. My plot cannot be left fallow for more than two weeks.
3. I will not expand my plot beyond its borders. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases.
4. I will carry all debris out of the garden with me when I leave. My plot and surrounding area will be kept clean.
5. I will not plant any illegal plants, drink alcoholic beverages, or use illegal drugs, or be under the influence while I am working at the Lake Charles Community Garden. I will not bring weapons or animals to the garden.

6. I will respect other gardeners, and refrain from smoking cigarettes or using profane or obscene language.
7. Minors will be supervised while in the Lake Charles Community Garden.
8. I will follow the Lake Charles Community Garden watering guidelines, and place all hoses back where they belong after use, making sure the water is properly turned off.
9. I will not take other gardeners' fruit, vegetables, or plants.
10. I will follow regulations of use for pesticides and insecticides in the garden.
11. I will attend garden meetings as required and pass along information to my group.
12. I will "Hold Harmless" the Lake Charles Community Garden, and the city of Lake Charles for any injuries that may occur on the property.

Commitment:

I have read and understand these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for participation in the Lake Charles Community Garden.

Printed Name _____ Date _____

(Garden contact person)

Signature _____ Date _____

(Garden contact person)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Lake Charles Community Garden Director)

Very Important

For the applicant selection process to properly work on a "first come" basis it is very important that there be an accurate and reliable system for attaching a "date of receipt" for each application. To achieve this, no "hand delivered" application will be accepted. Applications will only be accepted if they are either mailed through the post office or sent by FAX so they have a post mark date or FAX date.

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