



2020 Application Form for the Stone Park Garden

Thank you for your interest in **Ashland Community Gardens (ACG) at Stone Park**. Individuals must complete an application form annually before a garden bed can be assigned.

To hold your garden bed:

- 1.) Complete this application form and sign it.
- 2.) Mail this form, with a check for \$30 payable to Ashland Community Gardens, by March 21, 2020 to: ACG, c/o Mary Panda, 27 Albert Ray Drive, Ashland, MA 01721.
- 3) I would like to make an additional voluntary contribution (optional): \$

1. Contact Information (please print):

Name(s): _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____ Phone/home: _____
 Town/Zip: _____ Phone/cell: _____
 Email(s): _____
 Preferred method of contact: _____

2. For ACG to thrive, we require each gardener volunteer for garden maintenance and/or event support each season. Indicate where we can count on you! Indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain herb gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacation watering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain butterfly garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff single-day event (Ashland Day, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain rhubarb garden | <input type="checkbox"/> On call as needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain cut flower garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawn mowing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain Asian pear tree & guild | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain fence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> beds(watering, weeding) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest Helper | |

3. Agreement

I have read the **2020 Stone Park Gardener's Agreement** (see page 2). I agree to have something planted in my garden bed by June 7, 2020, and keep the bed planted and maintained for the entire growing season. I have read all the other rules and promise to follow them in good conscience. I understand that failure to abide by these rules could result in forfeiture of my bed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2020 Stone Park Gardener's Agreement

Please read carefully and keep a copy of this agreement for your reference.

1. I agree to pay a fee of \$30 by **March 21, 2020** to help cover garden expenses.
2. I will have something planted in the garden by **June 7, 2020** and will keep the bed planted and maintained for the entire growing season.
3. I will participate in spring and fall cleanup and ongoing garden maintenance activities throughout the season.
4. I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my bed. Our community garden is a public space on town land and needs to be maintained on a regular basis. If a bed is not maintained, the bed will be reassigned to another applicant.
5. Before I abandon my plot for any reason or if I relocate to another town, I will notify a Garden Coordinator. Plots are nontransferable.
6. I will keep trash and litter out of the bed and from adjacent pathways and fences.
7. I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another bed user.
8. I will only use insect and disease controls and fertilizers that are organic or derived from natural materials. Such fertilizers include compost, rock dusts, meals made from plants, etc. Pest controls include soaps, oils, plant extracts, etc. Use of chemicals that have the potential to harm the environment by runoff or other means are strictly prohibited.
9. I agree that any garden decoration or modifications that I provide will be temporary and removable at the end of each growing season, will not interfere with other gardeners, and will not permanently alter any garden bed.
10. I will not bring pets to the garden.
11. Parents are encouraged to bring children to the garden and introduce them to the wonders of gardening. If I bring children, I will monitor their behavior and whereabouts at all times. I will keep children from playing with hoses and water.
12. I will be considerate of my fellow gardeners. I will not plant sprawling crops, invasive species (such as morning glories) or tall plants that might interfere with other beds.
13. I will conserve water. Unattended watering is not permitted. I will notify a garden coordinator of any leaks in the water line. I will make sure all the faucets are off and the gate locked when I leave the garden.
14. I agree to allow a Harvest Helper to harvest excessively ripe fruit from my plot to prevent food waste. If I do not harvest it within a mutually agreed upon time, it will be donated.
15. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE ASHLAND COMMUNITY GARDENS "GREEN HATS" AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY FAMILY OR GUESTS.