

West Vincent Township  
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**Fellowship Garden Registration Form**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Size and Number of Space(s) Requesting:**

• 10 x 20      • 10 x 20 w/3 Raised Beds      • 20 x 20 \_\_\_\_\_ (Total # of spaces)

**Charge per Space:**

10 x 20: \$25      10 x 20 w/3 raised beds: \$45      20 x 20: \$35

**Special Requests:**

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**Office Use Only:**

\_\_\_\_ Paid      \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Returned with payment:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Registration Form  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgement & Release Form  
\_\_\_\_\_ Acknowledgement Form

## RULES AND POLICIES

### Fellowship Garden, West Vincent Township



#### GARDENING COURTESY

One of the main goals in community gardening is to work together or next to each other in relative harmony. Please be courteous in all interactions, and work together to resolve any disagreements. Contact the Garden Committee for guideline clarifications. In the spirit of cooperation, all gardeners should treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbors, and visitors with respect and consideration.

#### PLOT RESPONSIBILITY

1. Garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at your site, but the responsibility for payment of fees, cleanup and other duties at the site will be the responsibility of the individual whose name is assigned to the plot. It is also their responsibility to make sure anyone working in their plot knows and adheres to the rules of the garden.
2. Keep the Garden Committee advised of your current address, email address, and telephone number and notify the Garden Committee of any change in your contact information. Please notify the Garden Committee if you are no longer able to tend your plot, must be absent for an extended period or have asked a friend to tend your garden for a long period of time.
3. Gardeners must maintain plots and adjacent walkways. Gardens will be kept free of weeds, rotting vegetables and trash.
4. Gardeners will not plant, weed, water or harvest from any other member's plot unless specifically invited to do so. Only the gardener assigned to a plot can grant permission. Do not borrow tools unless permission has been granted.
5. Vegetables, herbs, flowers, and small fruit plants for home consumption and donation are appropriate for planting. Perennial crops and herbs as well as annual winter hardy crops may be over-wintered, but should be maintained by the plot owner. Large bushes and perennial plants, trees or landscape plants are not appropriate in the community garden. Gardeners should take care with spreading plants to keep them confined to their plot.
6. At the end of the growing season, each member must remove all dead plants, weeds and stakes from the plot.
7. Gardeners should not allow anything taller than 8' in their plot. Do not plant or erect structures that shade or in any way impede the growth in neighbors' plots.

Gardeners will not allow plants to grow over the pathways. Leave adequate space for plant growth.

8. Gardeners should be careful while watering to keep hoses out of neighboring garden plots. Good water conservation practices include using a hand-held hose end sprinkler, rather than an open-ended hose. No sprinklers allowed. Each gardener is responsible for coiling hoses after water use and double checking that the water is turned off.
9. Gardeners should make sure the gate is secure, tools are put away neatly and that trash is removed when leaving the garden.

#### GENERAL USE OF THE GARDEN

1. The Township's Rules and Regulations for Parks applies to the Community Garden
2. Family members are welcome to visit the garden site. Children are welcome at the garden when accompanied and fully supervised by an adult. Teach young children to stay on paths and to respect other garden member's plots and property.
3. No pets in the garden.
4. Radios should be used with headphones only.
5. No illegal substances allowed in the garden.
6. A bulletin board will be available for garden member's use. Check here for garden announcements from the gardening committee.
7. There will be communal garden work days, opening and closing work sessions and community garden meetings. Members are encouraged to attend and participate as much as possible.

#### TOOLS

1. Some communal tools will be available for all gardener's use. Members may use them on a first-come, first-served basis. Please return tools to the shed promptly so that other gardeners may use them. Communal garden tools should never be removed from the garden.
2. Members who wish to share their tools may keep them in the shed. Members who don't want to share their tools should store them neatly in their own garden plot. All tools should be clearly marked with a member's name. No tools should ever be borrowed from another garden plot without express permission.

#### SOIL AMMENDEMENTS AND DISEASE/INSECT CONTROL

A soil sample has been taken and tested by PSU Agricultural Extension. The results will be posted for the use of garden members. The garden is to be kept organic and members are asked to adhere to this policy. Please contact your garden committee if you need clarification or advice on organic gardening practices.

Below is a list of gardening soil amendments that are generally considered an organic source of nutrients. You can use them in your vegetable garden directly or in composted form:

alfalfa	fish fertilizer	manure	tea grounds
bark	grass clippings	peat moss	wood ash
blood meal	greensand	phosphate rock	wood chips
bone meal	hay or straw	potash rock	
coffee grounds	kitchen scraps	sawdust	
dolomite lime	leaves	seaweed	

Several organic insecticides are available for use by vegetable gardeners. Please contact the committee for some ideas.

Please contact a committee member if you have a question.

#### COMPOST AND TRASH

1. Each gardener is responsible for trash removal.
2. There will be a compost pile available for plant waste. The compost pile should only be used for plant materials. No trash please. Do not put plant material with diseases, insect infestations, or weed seeds in the compost pile. Please carry these items out as trash.

#### FEES

The annual fee for a garden plot will be due by opening day in the spring. Checks should be made out to West Vincent Township. The fee is non-refundable.

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RELEASE**

The undersigned has freely offered, on a voluntary basis, to participate in the Community Garden activities that are made available on the property owned by West Vincent Township. The undersigned specifically acknowledges that he/she is a volunteer and not an employee or subcontractor of the Township. The undersigned further acknowledges that certain dangers and risks are inherent in connection with the contemplated gardening work. The undersigned understands that h/she is not eligible for Workers' Compensation coverage or any other benefit from the Township. The undersigned does hereby release and forever discharge West Vincent Township and its officials and employees from any and all claims, demands or causes of action heretofore or hereafter arising or relating to his/her involvement in connection with or any damage or injury that may occur in connection with the undersigned participating in the West Vincent Township Community Garden.

The undersigned does hereby knowingly, voluntarily, and willingly execute this Release as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS HEREOF:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Title/Position)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Acknowledgement:

I have read the rules and policies for the Fellowship Garden, West Vincent Township. I understand that use of a plot in the community garden is contingent upon my adherence to these rules and policies. The garden committee has the final say on how the garden will be used and I agree to abide by their decisions. I understand that the garden committee has the right to amend the rules and policies as necessary and that I will abide by any changes to the rules. The committee has the right to revoke use of the garden to any member who does not follow the rules.

I have enclosed a check in the total amount of \_\_\_\_\_, payable to West Vincent Township. I understand that the fee is due by opening day and that I may not participate in the garden until my fee has been paid. Garden fees are nonrefundable.

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Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name