



Garden District Neighborhood Association
 P.O. Box 70876, Milwaukee, WI 53207
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 Website: www.milwaukeeegdna.com

Garden District Community Garden 2014 Plot Registration

Name(s) _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Business) _____ (Cell) _____

Email Address _____

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Please include a signed Release of Claims form with your registration.

Release of All Claims

I, _____,
_____ am a participant in the Community Garden. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the garden coordinator and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the Garden District Neighborhood Association, Garden Committee, Garden Coordinator, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

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Parent/Guardian's Signature (if under 18) _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

**ALL INDIVIDUALS INTENDING TO GARDEN IN YOUR
RAISED BED OR IN-GROUND PLOT NEED TO SIGN RELEASE FORM**

NOTE: Return only first 3 pages completed and signed.

SCHEDULE OF GARDEN EVENTS

The Garden Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at The Water Tower, 4001 South 6th Street, 3rd Floor. We begin our meetings with a speaker (subject to change) and end with announcements. There is a free monthly drawing for a plant giveaway. Suggestions or other topics of interest welcomed.

January 7:	Annual planning meeting - rescheduled to February due to weather
February 4:	Annual planning meeting
March 4:	Mushroom Farm Tour
April 1:	Custom Grown Greenhouse Tour, 4507 S. 6 th Street
May 6:	Speaker on How to Keep Your Garden Free of Weeds
June 3:	Speaker on Herbs – Growing and Use in Daily Life
July 1:	Speaker on Good/Bad Bugs for the Garden and Bug Identification
August 5:	TBA
September 2:	Speaker on Flower Division and Community Garden walk with free seed collection and sample plants
October 7:	Speaker on Beekeeping
November 4:	Speaker on Vermiculture and Worm Bin Making
December 2:	Speaker on Inexpensive Outside Decorations

Upcoming GDNA Events – 2014

First Garden Work Day / Plot Marking Community Garden, 6 th and Howard	April 5 – 10am-noon April 26 – Rain Date
Craft Fair Villa St. Francis, 1910 West Ohio	May 10 – 9am-3pm
Spring Perennial and Seed Exchange Between Howard and Norwich on 6 th Street	May 17 – 10am-noon
FUNDRAISER Culvers, 575 W. Layton	May 19 – 5-7 pm
Farmers' Market 6 th and Norwich	June 14 – October 11 1-5 pm
Garden Tour of 2013 winners Map will be posted on milwaukeegdna.com	August 3 – noon-3pm
Garden awards – nominations due Forms available on milwaukeegdna.com	August 10
Fall Perennial and Seed Exchange Between Howard and Norwich on 6 th Street	September 13 – 10am-noon

Like us on FACEBOOK and keep current on garden activities -

<http://www.facebook.com/GardenDistrictCommunityGarden>

Garden Rules and Regulations

Garden District Community Garden Rules

Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for all of the garden community is the primary goal of these rules and responsibilities. For that reason, please observe the rules of the Garden and be a good neighbor. This is a living document and may change as needed. Please see the bulletin board for the current rules.

- The Garden should be a safe place for the community, children and other gardeners. Do not bring anything that will compromise the safety of the garden.
- The Garden's steering committee has the duty of enforcing rules and resolving conflicts, including refusing a plot to a gardener or dismissing a current gardener.
- Please check the bulletin board or check with the garden coordinator for a map showing where your plot is, as well as information concerning the garden – problems, events, information and notices.
- Teach your children to respect others' plots and not to waste water.
- Until water becomes available, you are responsible for bringing in your own water.
- Each person must apply each year for a plot. Returning gardeners will be given first preference and permitted to keep the same plot if they wish.
- If you are unable to care for your plot for a time because of illness or vacation, ask a fellow gardener or the coordinator to help keep up with weeds and harvesting.
- Generally visit your plot at least once a week. More if the season is very dry.
- If you decide not to use your plot, please contact the coordinator so it may be reassigned to someone on the waiting list. If there is no evidence of activity at your plot by **June 1st**, it will be reassigned. In this case there would be no rental plot fee refund.
- If your plot is overgrown with weeds, you will receive a warning. After one week of no action, your plot may be cleared and reassigned. **A weed bin has been constructed on the east side of the garden. PLEASE NO WEEDS IN THE COMPOST BINS!**
- Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw and hay are encouraged. Carpet mulch is not allowed. Remove any non-organic mulch by closing day. Wood chips are not permitted for use as mulch as they do not biodegrade quickly.
- Please do not plant mint, catnip, comfrey, raspberries or other invasive plants.
- Please do not put up brightly colored fencing (such as orange construction fence) around your plot. Other fencing is ok but should not block paths.

- Keep tall plants such as corn or sunflowers at the center of your plot so they do not shade your neighbors' plants.
- If you have a surplus of produce you wish to donate, please contact the coordinator who will be taking donations to local food pantries.
- Do not pick from the plots of others even if you think they have neglected their plot.
- Pack your trash and take back home to dispose of properly.
- Stakes that mark your plot's corners and have your plot number must be left in place all season.
- No pets in the garden.
- Do not drive into the garden area.
- Please plan to participate in the Fall Cleanup and barbeque cookout.
- Do not use pesticides, fertilizers or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots.
- If in the Organic gardening area, please follow all organic practices with regards to pesticides, fertilizers and weed control.
- Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.
- Restroom facilities are not provided. Please plan accordingly and respect our neighbor's properties.

Thank You.

Your cooperation will help make the Garden a pleasant place for everyone!

GDNA COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPOSTING RULES

How to Compost Correctly:

- Add only compostable materials listed under “What to Compost”; **DO NOT ADD WEEDS OR GARBAGE**. There will be a black garbage bag hanging by the bins for garbage. Placing weeds in the bins will only create more weeds in the soil next year. **Please place all weeds in the designated collection area located near the compost bins.**
- We have two 3-bin systems. Two bins will be marked “Add Here”. Add compostable material to the bin marked “Add Here”, dig and bury what you add by turning the compostable material and placing brown source on top (uncovered piles bring flies and rodents). Once a bin is full, all materials will be transferred to the next bin. **DO NOT ADD TO ANY BIN UNLESS IT IS MARKED “ADD HERE”**. After material is transferred from the first bin to the second bin and then from the second bin to the third bin, it will be placed in the resting pile area. **DO NOT ADD TO PILES DESIGNATED “RESTING.”**
- Do not add large branches, plants, shrubs. They must be cut down to no larger than 3” pieces to properly break down.
- Return all tools to the designated area (rakes, pitchforks, etc.).
- Contribute untreated brown-source whenever possible (sawdust, newspaper, grass clippings, leaves, egg cartons, etc.) to the Brown Source pile.
- Contact Dawn at 414-379-2450 to report any problems or if you have questions.
- Do not add to piles that are designated as ‘resting’.
- Flip, turn, and stir piles whenever able.
- Most sites are started on ‘borrowed land’, be respectful of neighbors & surrounding area.

What to Compost:

- Materials and plants from the Community Garden
- Fruits and vegetables
- Yard trimmings, grass clippings, leaves
- Hay and straw
- Houseplants
- Nut shells
- Sawdust, wood chips

IN-GROUND PLOT



RAISED BED





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