

## BLENDON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION

The Community Gardens consist of 20 annual plots (20' x 30').

The rules for use of the Community Gardens are as follows:

### A. To Encourage Neighborliness:

1. Ensuring an enjoyable gardening experience for all gardeners is a primary goal. Please respect your fellow gardeners.
2. Having Township land available and gardening in the Township Community Gardens is a privilege, and the Garden Committee will enforce all gardening policies.
3. Gardeners are asked to avoid planting spreading or very tall plants (Squash, Sunflower, tomato, etc.) near the lanes or adjacent plots to avoid infringing on the walkway and on your neighbor's growing space. Gardeners must keep fence lines between individual gardens weed free.
4. Gardeners must provide their own tools; however, the Township will provide some "community tools" for sharing. These tools will be designated by bright red handles and must remain at the gardens for all to use. The "community tools" idea is to encourage gardeners to walk or ride bikes to the gardens and have garden tools available.

### B. To Encourage Organic Gardening:

1. Although the gardens are not specified as "organic gardens", we encourage gardeners to consider alternatives to the use of chemical pesticides.
2. Township staff will turn the soil in the spring and deliver compost and wood chips to the gardens.
3. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to cover their plot(s) with mulch as an excellent method of weed control. If you're unfamiliar with mulching techniques, contact a committee member.

### C. To Oversee Garden Assignments:

1. Township staff will assign annual plots in the spring. Plot assignments will be made with the following priorities. First, continuing gardeners requesting the same plot. Second, continuing gardeners requesting a different plot. Third, new gardeners. Fourth, requests for a second annual plot. And fifth, late applicants.
2. Plots that appear to be un-worked or abandoned will be reclaimed without refund. The Committee may reassign the plot. Unclaimed plots will be reassigned after June 1.
3. Please use the buddy system if you will be away and unable to tend or harvest your plot(s).
4. Weeds must be controlled in your plot(s). If they go to seed they will invade your neighbor's plots. Township staff will send offending gardeners a letter notifying them of

the weed problem. If it is not corrected, the Township will correct the problem and may deny the gardeners a plot in the following year.

5. All garden planting should be underway by June 1, weather permitting. If, for some reason, this is not possible please contact a township staff member.

6. The garden area is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week.

If you are interested in an annual plot at the Blendon Township Community Garden please sign and return this application by March 18, 2011. Residents of Blendon Township have first rights to plots. You may lose the plot you were assigned the prior year if you do not complete and return your application by April 1st, or if you failed to maintain your plot throughout the previous season. All applications received after April 1st will be treated as new applicants. Plots that are undeveloped by June 1 will be considered abandoned and will revert to the Township unless special arrangements have been made.

## Community Gardens Application - 2011

**(Circle the line that applies to your situation)**

I had plot #        last year and want the same plot this year (\$20), or

I had plot #        last year but would like a different plot this year (\$20), or

I had no plot last year but would like a plot this year (\$20).

I had no plot last year but would like a plot this year (\$30). (Non-Township Resident)

**I, the undersigned, agree to properly care for the plot(s) assigned to me and to clear the plot of tomato cages, poles, etc. at season's end. I understand that Charges will be assessed if the Township Crew must clean my plot.** If I find that I cannot successfully accomplish this, I will notify the Township before June 1, 2011 so my assigned plot can be reassigned to another gardener. I agree to abide by the rules of the Community Garden above.

Return this completed application by March 18, 2011 with your check made payable to:

Blendon Township Trustees

6330 Hempstead Road.

Westerville, Ohio 43081

Name:

Telephone No.:

Street Address:

E-mail: