

2017 Gilpin County Extension Community Garden Application

*Please send completed application and a \$15 check to:
Gilpin County Extension
230 Norton Drive
Black Hawk, CO 80422*

Name:

Address:

Phone (day):

Phone (evening):

Cell phone:

Email:

Check if you do not want your email shared with the Community Garden group. *(We highly recommend you allow sharing to facilitate communication amongst gardeners.)*

I have read the Community Garden Rules and understand that failure to meet the rules may result in loss of gardening privileges. I grant permission to Colorado State University Extension to take and use photographs and quoted remarks of me or prepared by me, for use in promotional materials. I am a Gilpin County resident.

Signed

Date

Please keep a copy of this information for your records.

2017 Gilpin County Extension Community Garden Information

Office Phone: 303-582-9106

Garden Coordinator: Irene Shonle

Email: Irene.shonle@colostate.edu

All Gardeners are responsible for being familiar with and obeying all garden rules. If you have any questions, please contact the Office.

Community Garden Program provides:

- a 12½' x 4' plot (approx. 50 square feet)
- Water and a hose
- Initial soil test and initial organic soil amendments (except compost)
- Classes to help you get started gardening (extra cost)
- Master Gardener nights in the garden

Gardeners provide:

- 1 hour (or more) of community service assistance for the garden per year. This needs to be coordinated with the Garden Coordinator.
- Yearly plot rental fee of \$15
- A clearly worked, weeded and harvested plot all growing season
- Other soil amendments, including compost
- Clear pathways around their plot
- All plant materials
- All tools
- Current address, phone numbers and email. It is your responsibility to keep your address, email and phone number current with the Office.

Policies and Rules of the Gilpin County Extension Community Garden Program 2017

Gardening Season Activities and Information:

Plot Maintenance:

Plots must be reasonably maintained. Reasonably maintained means weeds under control and plants are regularly cared for, watered and harvested. Plants must not exceed plot boundaries. By October 15, plants/debris must be removed as well as stakes, walls of water, row covers, etc. You must leave your plot(s) in a generally tidy condition for the winter.

Plot Neglect/ Abandonment:

Plots must be obviously worked and weed control begun by June 15. Any abandoned or unworked plots will be reassigned and no refund will be given. If you are unable to keep or maintain your plot you must contact the Office or your Garden Coordinator as soon as possible. No refunds will be given.

Path Maintenance:

It is each gardener's responsibility to keep their paths clear and weed-free. You are responsible for the path alongside your bed closest to the compost bin/cistern and the path on the side of your bed.

Community Service:

At least one hour of community service time (per plot, per year) must be given to participate in the Community Garden Program. This is in addition to maintenance of your plot and pathways. General site maintenance, site weeding, composting work, or organizing group purchases for the gardeners count. Weeding your plot or your designated path will not count. All tasks/projects done as part of your community service hours need to be approved by the Garden Coordinator (a simple phone conversation, email or chat in the garden is sufficient). Failure to complete these hours may result in non-renewal of your plot. Completed hours should be called in or emailed to the Coordinator with the following information: gardener name and plot number, task completed, date completed, number of hours completed. The deadline to complete and report community service hours to the Office is October 15.

Compost:

A compost area is setup in a straw bale area east of the cistern. Please feel free to dump compostable matter- excluding fruits, meats, and cooked foods.

Weedy Warnings:

There may be weeds in the community garden. If weeds are left to go to seed they will affect your neighbor's gardens as well. If the Community Garden Coordinator sees too many weeds in your garden or your plot looks unworked you will receive a call and/or written letter or e-mail from the Office. If you receive a contact regarding your weeds or the condition of your plot, you must contact the Coordinator within one week to discuss a plan of action. If there is no

response within 1 week or if action is not taken within the decided time, the plot will be considered neglected and will be given to someone else.

Dogs:

Dogs are NOT allowed in the Community Garden at any time. The only exception will be for registered service animals.

Fertilizers, Pesticides, etc.:

The intention is for the garden to have only organic pesticides (herbicides or insecticides).

Not Allowed:

Perennial plants (i.e. mints, other perennial herbs, rhubarb, shrubs or perennial flowers), marijuana and any illegal plants.

If you wish to plant a perennial plant, please contact the Garden Coordinator as space may be available outside of the designated plots.

Water / Hoses / Irrigation:

The only supply of water to the garden is by truck delivery to the cistern. Please **be as sparing of the water as possible**, while still maintaining healthy crops.

We HIGHLY encourage the use of lots of soil amendments and the use of floating row covers. Make SURE the hose is turned off before you leave. If you notice a leak, please notify the Office or Garden Coordinator immediately.

Conduct:

Gardeners should conduct themselves civilly towards others, be fully responsible for guests and children that may accompany them, and not take crops from others' plots.

Plot Renewals:

If you maintain your garden and pathways throughout the season, clean it up at the end of the season, fulfill your one hour of community service and have no outstanding balances to your account, you will be allowed to renew your garden plot rental the following year. Gardeners renewing a plot will be given the option of keeping their previous year's plot.

Acceptance of Applicants:

Plots will be given on a first come (and paid)/first served basis. (Future years: priority will be given to those who had a plot the previous year and followed the policies and rules.)

Disclaimer:

The Office or Garden Coordinator is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen property or the success of any garden plots.