



## The Community Gardens Garden Plot Agreement

The Geneva Park District will prepare the garden plot for planting, stake out 20'x30' plots, identify each plot by number, and make water accessible to gardeners.

### Important Dates

- Registration for Community Gardeners will open on December 4, 2018 to guarantee the same plot. New gardeners will be assigned plots beginning on February 1, 2019.
- Returning gardeners will receive the same plot. New gardeners will be placed on the waitlist.
- Garden plots open on or about the third week of April, weather permitting.
- Garden plots must be cleaned off for the season, October 31.

### Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation

1. I agree to abide by the policies and practices outlined in this document including the rules and regulations. The fee for the use of the garden is \$45 RES and \$60 N/R plot, for the season, third week of April – October 31.
2. I understand that resident gardeners will have the right of first refusal to a plot for the following season. I will have something planted in my garden by June 1 and keep it planted and weeded all season long.
3. Plots that have not been used by June 15 will be reassigned to someone else. There will be no refunds after May 23rd.
4. I will not expand my plot beyond its measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden.
5. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Should my garden become unkempt, I will be notified by Geneva Park District Staff and work out a maintenance plan. If I am unable to maintain the garden I understand it will be mowed or tilled by the Park District.
6. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will put my compost, rocks, recyclables, and trash in designated areas. I will not bring household trash or compost and leave it at the Community Garden.
7. I will not plant any perennials, trees or shrubs.
8. I understand that personal property should not be left on the plot. I understand that the Park District is not responsible for any vandalism or theft of my garden plot.
9. I will remove all debris, stakes, fencing, tools, etc. from my plot prior to October 31. If materials are not removed, I will not be able to reserve a plot for the following year.
10. I understand that garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at my plot, but I am responsible for payment of fees, cleanup, and following all other rules outlined here. I understand that I am solely responsible for the behavior of my family members and other guests.
11. I understand that pesticides and/or herbicides must be used responsibly so that they do not impact gardens other than my own. I will ask the Geneva Park District staff for advice if I am unsure of how to respond to disease or weeds.
12. I will not use plastic or other non-porous material for ground cover.
13. I will use wooden stakes, no rebar or metal fence posts. I will not use orange mesh fencing material.
14. I will keep my car in the parking lot or on the street. I will not drive on the grass.
15. I will bring buckets to transport water to my plot.
16. I will practice good safety habits, including keeping the walkways and paths clear of my tools and other belongings.
17. I understand that pets and smoking are not allowed.
18. I will not enter or take food or plants from other plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
19. I will bring headphones if I wish to listen to music while gardening, maintaining the natural setting of the gardens.
20. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language, physically harass, or discriminate against others.
21. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Park District reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.
22. I understand all other Park District ordinances; state and local laws must be obeyed at all times.
23. I understand to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Geneva Park District, City of Geneva and the Kane County Forest Preserve District and their officers, agents and employees, against all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought because of any injury or damage received or sustained by any person, persons, or property arising out of or resulting from any asserted negligent act, error, or omission by myself or other gardeners on my plot.

***If issues arise, participants will be contacted, and a resolution will be mediated by the Geneva Park District.***

### Commitment

*I have read and understand the application and accept the rules, terms, and conditions stated above.*

Gardener Name (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Gardener Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GPD Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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