



Gardens Growing Families Community Garden 2012 Registration Information

CONTRIBUTORS to Gardens Growing Families include: Virginia Cooperative Extension for Henrico County, Henrico County Master Gardeners, Henrico Recreation and Parks, Henrico Department of Social Services, and Henrico Department of Health.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please read the registration information and fill out the Garden Application. Don't forget to sign the Gardening Agreement. Mail your Registration form and check (made payable to Henrico Master Gardener Fund) to Henrico County Extension Office, P.O. 90775, Henrico, VA 23273-0775.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY: Plot registration fees will be refunded for cancellations prior to June 30. No refunds will be given after June 30th.

GARDEN SITE FEATURES FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

- **LOCATION:** Garden plots are located off of Lakeside Avenue at the intersection of Vale Street and Michael Avenue.
- **PLOT SIZES:** FULL SIZE (approximately 15 ft x 20 ft) and HALF SIZE (approximately 15 ft x 10 ft). **PLEASE NOTE: 2 PLOT MAXIMUM**
- **PLOT TYPES:** ANNUAL—these are plowed by Henrico Recreation and Parks in the Spring PERENNIAL—currently unavailable.
- **TOOLS:** Virginia Cooperative Extension GARDENS GROWING FAMILIES maintains a supply of a few gardening tools in the garden storage on site. Please take care of them.
- **WATER:** Water is supplied at the site. Please conserve water remembering to turn off the water when not in use.

LEARN MORE ABOUT GARDENING AND YOUR HARVEST

Gardens Growing Families offers lots of gardening, harvesting, preparing and storing information. As a Gardens Growing Families gardener, you and your family will have the opportunity to attend **FREE** classes and workshops.

The Henrico Master Gardeners may also be available at the garden sites to answer questions and provide timely information on specific vegetables and diseases. You may also call the Master Gardener help line with specific questions at 804.501.5160 from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday.



Gardens Growing Families Community Garden Gardening and Land Use Policies

Gardeners must employ organic gardening practices and Integrated Pest Management practices in your garden and only apply organic controls according to the recommendations made in the Virginia Pest Management Guides in Gardens Growing Families garden plots.

INSECT CONTROL: Preferred control methods are: crop rotation, hand picking of insect pests, introduction of predator species, companion planting, soil solarization, and biological controls, e.g. *Bacillus thuringiensis*, a bacterium that controls cabbage worms. As a last resort, natural botanicals, i.e. rotenone and pyrethrum (that break down quickly and do not leave harmful residues in the soil) may be used.

WEED CONTROL: All herbicides are prohibited in all Gardens Growing Families plots, as they may kill or damage crops, drift into neighboring gardens, and persist in the soil. Hoeing, mulching, and hand weeding are recommended. It is the gardeners' responsibility to keep a weed-free garden.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Exclusion of animal pests is the recommended and preferred treatment when dealing with animals in garden plots. Please do not bring pets, i.e. dogs as they potentially can damage other gardens.

FERTILIZERS & SOIL AMENDMENTS: Commercial organic fertilizers are encouraged. Products of plant or animal origin, i.e. compost, leaf mold, livestock manure, blood and bone meal, cover crops, fish emulsion, kelp meal, liquid seaweed and commercial organic fertilizers are acceptable. Natural mineral fertilizers such as green sand, granite dust and ground limestone, are also acceptable. Gardeners are strongly urged to add as much organic material (i.e. compost, leaf mold, and manure) as possible to their plots to maintain soil fertility.

PLOT RENTAL: Gardens Growing Families does not guarantee that a plot will be available for every applicant. Lots are rented based on the availability of plots and the gardener's compliance with Gardening and Land Use Policies. There is a two-plot maximum rental per family.

PROHIBITED PLANTS: The following plants may not be grown in any of the gardens without written permission of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office in Henrico County.

- Invasive species, including mint, comfrey, etc.
- Trees, bushes or other woody perennials
- Illegal or dangerous plants

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Registration Information and Gardening and Land Use Policies and agree to abide by these policies:

Signed _____ Date _____
Primary Adult Gardener



Gardens Growing Families

Community Garden 2012 Garden Application

Your Name	Full Address	Day & Evening Phone Numbers, Email

Names of other Gardeners (Spouse/Children)	Addresses (if different)	Phone Number and Email

Gardens Growing Families is a garden and education program designed to make fresh vegetables available for qualified families. Information provided here will be strictly confidential.

Please indicate your total household income:

_____ < \$19,000 _____ \$20-39,999 _____ \$40-59,999 _____ >\$60,000

What type of living accommodations do you have?

_____ Own home _____ Rent Other: _____

What school(s) do your child(ren) attend: _____

Check any program from which you receive assistance:

- SSI
- WIC
- TANF
- Food Stamps

Other (Please identify by name)

Office Use Only:

Postdate: _____

Check# _____ Amt _____

Plot # assigned _____

Conf date _____

Gardening Agreement

(please read carefully and sign below)

As a Gardens Growing Families gardener(s), I/we agree to:

1. Abide by the attached Gardens Growing Families *Gardening and Land Use Policies*, signed and attached.
2. Take steps to maintain and improve the soil in my plot.
3. Properly use and return any tools provided by Gardens Growing Families used in your plot to the garden storage for use by other gardeners.
4. **Keep my plot and the pathways adjacent to it well maintained and free of weeds.**
5. Notify Virginia Cooperative Extension (at 501-5160) immediately if I cannot maintain my plot for any reason during the rental period.
6. Begin gardening only after attending an orientation session and after the plots have been officially staked out and assigned in the Spring.
7. Clear my community garden plot of all non-organic materials (fencing, large rocks, string, wire stakes, etc.) and shred or remove all large debris unsuitable for plowing.
8. Observe the specific guidelines for my garden site (received with the plot rental confirmation).
9. Agree to attend the free educational sessions offered by Virginia Cooperative Extension.
10. Accept that Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech, and Henrico County assumes no liability for persons or property in the gardens. I/we agree to be responsible for any person(s) who participate with me in this program and to have such person(s) abide by the terms of this Gardening Agreement
11. Understand that the Gardens Growing Families program carries the possibility of physical injury and may involve physical activity that may be strenuous and that there are risks inherent in this activity. I/we further understand that neither Virginia Tech nor Henrico County or their respective officers and agents are liable for any injuries that result from my/our participation in the Gardens Growing Families program. Henrico County recommends that participants secure adequate medical insurance to cover any injuries that may arise from participation in the program.

Failure to garden in accordance with this Gardening Agreement may result in immediate expulsion from the garden and/or forfeiture of the right to garden with a Virginia Cooperative Extension Gardens Growing Families garden in the future.

Signed _____
Primary Adult Gardener Date Other Adult Gardener Date

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

As a Gardens Growing Families gardener, you are a member of a community of gardeners. You are expected to make a meaningful contribution of time (**at least 2 hours per month**) to your garden community. Listed below are tasks in which your contribution of time is most helpful to the running of your garden:

June Work Day
July Work Day

August Work Day
Clean Up Garden Plots

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistance or accommodation, please notify the Henrico Extension Office at 804-501-5160 during business hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30p.m. *TDD number is (800) 828-1120.

Gardens Growing Families Plot Fees 2012

<i>Household size or</i>	<i>Income</i>		<i>Income</i>		<i>Income</i>	
	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Annual</i>
<i>Number of gardeners</i>						
1 - 2	Up to \$2,500	Up to \$30,000	\$2,500 - 3,915	\$30,001 - \$47,000	Over \$3,915	Over \$47,001
3 - 4	Up to \$3,165	Up to \$38,000	\$3,165 - 4,915	\$38,001 - 59,000	Over \$4,915	Over \$59,001
5 - 6	Up to \$3,580	Up to \$43,000	\$3,580 - 5,665	\$43,001 - 68,000	Over \$5,665	Over \$68,001
7 and more	Up to \$4,000	Up to \$48,000	\$4,000 - 6,500	\$48,001 - 78,000	Over \$6,500	Over \$78,001
Fee per plot per year	\$5.00 for 10 x 15 or \$10.00 for 10 x 20		\$30 for 10 x 15 or \$35 for 10 x 20		\$60 for 10 x 15 or \$65 for 10 x 20	

- A portion of the fees collected at each garden will be available to support the new garden fund which is used to help establish new community gardens or help existing gardens make capital improvements.
- Gardens may adjust fees where plot sizes vary from standard size (10 x 15 or 10 x 20).
- Fees will be reviewed every two years.