



# GVR Metropolitan District

18650 East 45th Avenue • Denver, Colorado 80249

## 2012 Community Garden “Gardener” Application for Plot

I am requesting a gardening plot in the Community Garden and promise to abide by the rules, terms, and conditions established.

Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Plot size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Plot fee:** (10’x24’=\$38.00) (24’x24’=\$58.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Resident additional surcharge: \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Compost:** # of wheelbarrows: (\$6.00 per load): \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(The District will deliver to all existing plots per quantity ordered)

**Roto-tilling service provided District staff:** (\*5.00 per plot) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date needed by: \_\_\_\_\_

(\*For this fee, roto-tilling will be provided once within days prior to the date needed. To be successful make sure you work your plot at least a week after it is tilled.)

**Renewal:** (\$5.00 discount for all returning gardeners who renew prior to March 1, 2012) - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Commitment

I agree to follow the established Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation set by GVR Metropolitan District and agree to abide by same.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gardener)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(GVR Metropolitan District Staff)

To be filled out by GVR Metropolitan District:

Type of payment: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: New Participant: \_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff initials: \_\_\_\_\_



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## COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION - 2012

***Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and immediate loss of your plot. If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions of the GVR Metropolitan District Community Garden:***

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of the GVR Metropolitan District. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is 10'x24' = \$38.00, 24'x24' = \$58.00 per plot, per calendar year. There will be a \$10.00 surcharge for "non-resident" gardeners. Gardeners that renew their plots each year before the renewal deadline will receive a \$5 discount on their plot rental fees. Compost and tilling will be options provided by the District during the months of March, April and May. Additional charges are as follows:  
Premium 3 Compost provided to plots at the cost of \$6 per wheel barrow full (District provided); tilling at the cost of \$5 per plot (waiver will need to be signed). A refundable damage deposit may be collected from gardeners. There are no refunds for any charges associated with this community program.
3. Once assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it by June 1 or within two weeks of receiving the plot, whichever is later. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for a period of three weeks or longer. Any plots not maintained over a period longer than this, will automatically be forfeited and a new gardener may be assigned the plot for future use, or the plot will be deemed vacant. If no gardener is on the waiting list, the District will till the plot and manage the plot to minimize weed growth. No refunds will be given to gardeners who forfeit their plot. If emergencies come up that warrant a reprieve to this rule, gardeners must communicate this to the District staff and at the discretion of the District staff, a ruling will be made. At the conclusion of the growing season and by November 1 of the current year, I will clean up my plot and remove all dead plant materials from the plot to help prevent the spread of any disease within the community garden. All plots not cleaned up by November 1 will be forfeited to the District and will be assigned to any person on the waiting list. The current gardener will lose their right to this plot in future years. Also, if gardeners are growing fall/winter crops, they must call the District office to alert of us this activity.
4. I will not expand my plot, beyond its borders, into garden paths or, into other owners' plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my assigned and reserved garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than seven feet high. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases. Violation of these rules will result in District giving one warning, then removing the excess growth/weeds at their discretion if the problem is not resolved in an appropriate timeline by the gardener. Charges for this added work will be billed back to the plot owner or charged against the deposit on the plot rental.
5. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will completely separate my trash into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts; 2) rocks, stones, and asphalt; and 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. I will put each type of trash only in the areas designated specially for each. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the garden. Gardeners must remember this is a "community" garden and gardener pride is very important to the long term success of the garden.
6. I will not plant any illegal plants. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble on the property. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will

not bring weapons, pets or other animals to the garden. Violation of this rule may also result in prosecution by law enforcement.

7. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests and understand that I will be held accountable for their actions.
8. If needed, the District or Garden Volunteers may assign me general garden maintenance tasks each month. I agree to complete them by the end of the assigned month or in the timeline identified. *The success of our garden is based on the collective work of all who take pride in their garden.*
9. I will water my plot with efficient watering methods only (hand watering, soaker hoses, etc), and will keep in mind the Denver Water guidelines (no watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.) Use of traditional sprinklers is strictly prohibited during this time. Any misuse of water or gross mismanagement of the watering system at the garden, reported to or witnessed by District Staff will lead to possible fines and if continued, possible loss of garden plot. If I use more than the needed amount of water, I understand I will be asked to pay an added surcharge each month to cover the cost of this additional water. In the case of a drought restriction, as initiated by Denver Water, the District will implement strict water usage guidelines , plus schedules that will need to be strictly followed. To help with water pressure issues at the garden, please follow the recommended watering schedule given to you when you sign up.
10. The District may offer educational workshops for gardeners. When these are coordinated, all gardeners will be emailed regarding the opportunity, and the District will also post a sign at the Community Garden.
11. If using any pesticides in the garden, they must include products that are on the approved list and/or receive District approval and will be used in my plot only. Any products not on the approved list cannot be used without the approval of the District. For the benefit of all gardeners, sound gardening practices to limit any pests should be followed.
12. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the community garden that is not rightfully mine. I will help monitor the garden to make sure non-gardeners are not helping themselves to the crops. I will help educate non-gardeners on the details of the GVR Community Garden and work to prevent crops from leaving the garden by these non-gardeners whenever possible.
13. I will work to help keep the garden a healthy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully and in a neighborly manner. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against any other participants or their visitors and guests. Any witnessing of these acts should be reported to the District staff immediately.
14. I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property, and assume all risks involved in participating in a community garden program.

**Commitment and Signature**

*I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the GVR Metro District's Community Garden.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Gardener)

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(District Staff)

Plot Size \_\_\_\_\_ Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_