



## **2019 People For Palmer Park Community Garden Agreement + Expectations**

Please read this document before signing your garden plot application

This is our first year with community garden rental beds! All garden plots are 20' x 4' cedar wood raised beds. With the proper preparation and care, you can grow plenty of food to have nutritious food and develop deeper earth connection!

### **People For Palmer Park Community Garden is focused on three intentions:**

- 1) Community Building
- 2) Education
- 3) Food Production

We will be renting out 15 of our 23 garden beds to activate our garden to be full of community invested in food sovereignty and food production. The purpose of renting a garden bed is to take responsibility and commit to tending this beautiful garden together. The remaining plots will be to grow food to share and donate with the Palmer Park community.

### **\$30 Seasonal Garden membership includes:**

- **Drop in open hour garden days** to receive support on your garden bed and gain skills. Dates TBD; will be posted online!
- **Monthly classes** about garden planning, organic growing basics, nutrition, preservation, soil maintenance, compost, beekeeping with Bees in the D, crop families
- **Tools:** Access to tool shed or Tool Kit Rental, a down deposit to have your own set of gardening tools including gloves and hand tools
- **Seeds + Plants:** We will provide a base level set of plants and seeds to begin your garden
- **Includes:** soil, water, access to greenhouse + compost station

### **Community Member Work Days**

We ask each community gardener to complete at least four hours of general community garden maintenance work. Please use any of these work days to complete volunteer hours!

- May 17+18 -*Opening Days with Home Depot*
- June 22 10am-1pm
- July 20 10am-1pm
- August 24 10am-1pm
- Sept 21 10am-1pm
- October 26 10am-1pm *Closing Day and last day to complete volunteer hours*



## 2019 Garden Agreement+ Expectations for Engagement

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**RESPONSIBILITY.** Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.

**AGREEMENT AND FEE.** Each person will fill out a completed agreement form by the March 30, 2019. We do not turn anyone away. If you cannot pay the fee upfront we can happily arrange a payment plan.

**TOOLS.** Tools will be made available for use during the regularly scheduled work time or you can rent out a "Tool Kit" for a deposit at the beginning of the season. Regularly scheduled work times will be posted on the garden bulletin board, by email and Facebook where you can access the tool closet.

**WATERING.** Gardeners are responsible for watering their own bed. Gardeners can come by and use the rainwater harvest and hoses to water at any time. Garden Manager will ensure this is full for use at all times! If you are not able to water, please communicate with Garden Manager or community member.

**CHILDREN.** Children are most welcome in the garden! Please accompany and supervise at all times.

**SERVICE COMMITMENT.** Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment. Each member is required to donate 4 hours of community space, garden maintenance and upkeep throughout the growing season. There will be 6 organized volunteer days to complete these service hours!

**USE OF CHEMICALS.** We grow organically. Certified organic fertilizers and treatments are welcome. Miracle Gro, Round Up, etc. aren't part of the plan. If your plant looks sad or scary, please remove it so that disease doesn't spread. We may remove it for you if we see something that could infect others. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited.

**PLANTS AND SEEDS.** Please use only approved seeds/ plants. We sadly cannot approve the use of perennials in the garden beds. We will provide a list of plants/seeds we have.

**GARDEN PLOTS.** Assignment of garden plots will be awarded by a lottery system. Preference for next year's plots will be given to this year's participants first.

**HARVEST.** Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only. If fruit or vegetables are beyond ripe, we will inform the gardener but if not harvested in a timely manner we will harvest to donate.

**FENCING AND PESTS.** We have no fencing around the area, so know that it is at risk to other human people or deer people! We will do our best to ensure your bed is labeled properly and work to prevent deer entering.



## Community Garden Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Contact Method (Circle): Phone Email

Gardening Partner (not required, but good idea to have a faithful companion!)

Gardening Partner's name, Email + Phone Number:

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Level of experience in gardening (please circle!):

Very Experienced

Relatively Experienced

Know the Basics

Totally New!

Please Initial:

I agree to commit to the 4 hours of volunteer service: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read over and agree to the rules for engagement: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Check Cash Multi Month Payment Plan

I am interested in donating to support another gardener's bed rental:

Areas of interest for classes or other skills: pest/ disease maintenance  
organic growing basics  
flower growing  
soil health  
nutrition  
composting basics  
food systems 101  
other interests:

To reserve your spot: 1) submit check today March 16! or  
2) Mail in check by April 15th to PO Box 43735 Detroit, MI 48243  
Any questions email Molly at [molly@peopleforpalmerpark.org](mailto:molly@peopleforpalmerpark.org)