

# Coralville Community Gardens

900 10<sup>th</sup> Street



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Note: Most garden communication will be by e-mail. It is the renter's responsibility to keep a valid e-mail on file with the program.*

## Check Desired Plot Size

- 10' x 30' (300 square feet) \$35 resident, \$43.75 non-resident
- 10' x 15' (150 square feet) \$20 resident, \$25 non-resident
- 8' x 4' (32 square feet) Accessible bed \$10 resident, \$12.50 non-resident

*A deposit equal to the plot rental fee is due at time of registration in the form of check or credit card number. If the renter cancels from time of enrollment to May 20, 1/3 of the rental fee is held. If a renter cancels after May 22, the entire fee is held.*

I would like a second plot if available.

One plot will be assigned per household. Second plots may be assigned if available. Keep in mind that plots may not be adjacent to each other. You will be contacted by e-mail or phone about the availability and size of second plot. Accessible raised beds are limited in number and available on a first come, first serve basis for those who have limited mobility.

## As a plot participant in the Coralville Community Gardens, I agree to:

- Be responsible for the maintenance and care of my plot, unless reassigned.
- Plant within the dimensions of my assigned plot.
- Remove debris, weed, and plant my plot by May 22, 2017. (Dependent on date of last frost).
- Use only non-synthetic methods on my garden plot. No chemical fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, or fungicides are allowed.
- Planting perennial plants, sweet corn, and sunflowers are prohibited.
- Use only newspaper, cardboard or mulch for weed barriers. A mulch pile will be maintained near the gardens and mulch use is encouraged to help control weeds. Mulch must be raked to the middle of the plot at the end of the season so it can be removed.
- Plastic or synthetic weed barriers shall not be used.
- No stones or foreign objects shall be used as borders.
- If I am away for more than 10 days, I will make arrangements with someone to care for my plot.
- I will notify the Parks staff supervisor if I am unable to harvest or care for my garden plot.
- I will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will not have a water barrel or storage unit on my plot. The only vertical structure allowed is a maximum of 48" wire or like material fence or support cage/poles for supporting plant material. Fence will be kept in good condition and not allowed to sag.

- I agree that if I receive notice for my plot being not reasonably weed free or un-kept, I will address within three days or my plot may be reassigned. If I receive 3 plot notices in one gardening season my plot will automatically be reassigned.
- I will prepare my plot for winter by October 15th by removing all plant material with dense stalks, weed barriers like cardboard or thick newspapers, take all support materials (cages/stakes) and fencing with you. Newspaper that is starting to shred and decompose can be left to be tilled into the soil. Deposit will be held if clean-up is not completed.
- I will keep trash and litter picked up on my plot and/or adjacent paths and garden area. The gardens have a “Pack It In, Pack It Out” policy. No trash receptacles are provided; all organic matter may be deposited to the garden waste area.
- I will leave the plot markers in plot where they have been placed so each plot is identifiable. This includes leaving plot marker in place at the end of the season.
- I understand plots are non-transferable.
- I understand that fencing cannot extend beyond the plot borders or if assigned multiple adjacent plots, the pathway (if present) must be maintained between plots. Please do not fasten fencing to the corner markers. If installing fencing, keep weeds from growing through fence or protruding into adjacent plots and/or walkways.
- I understand no garden hoses are allowed. I will place all garden waste in the designated area for compost exchange.
- I understand that the shed for the gardens is for community shared tools and not for storage of personal tools.

### **Common Principles**

- I will help keep the garden area looking respectable, including pulling weeds on mulch paths near my space.
- I will notify staff of vandalism, theft, inappropriate behavior, or other questions or concerns.
- Children must be directly supervised by an adult age 16 years of age and older.
- No pets are allowed to be brought to the garden except service animals.
- There is no smoking in the community garden.
- I understand that I cannot sell produce on site.
- If I elect to use the tools from the garden shed, I'll return the community garden shared tools to the shed at the completion of use.
- Please be aware of leaking irrigation, hoses, and extensive ground saturation/erosion. If there is an issue please contact Aaron TeBockhorst at 248-9386.

### **Definitions:**

Reasonably weed free: Defined as not having weeds standing higher than 8”. Not having weeds that have seeded or near seeding. Not allowing grass or low growing weeds to take over the plot.

Unkept or weedy: Is not reasonably weed free or plot is left with trash, rotten produce, and/or is in a disarray.

### **Inherent Risk:**

By applying to participate for this parks and recreation program, I realize the inherent risks involved in the program and appreciate the nature of these tasks. The applicant(s) hold the City of Coralville harmless for any damage caused by participation in these programs. The City provides no medical insurance. Participants registering for activities of strenuous nature are encouraged to see physician’s approval.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

*Return application with plot fee and deposit to: Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 8<sup>th</sup> Street*

Questions: contact Aaron TeBockhorst, 319-248-9386 or email to [atebockhorst@coralville.org](mailto:atebockhorst@coralville.org)



**Coralville Community Food Pantry**

The City of Coralville is committed to helping each resident achieve food security by supporting involvement in the Coralville Community Food Pantry. One way we support this program is by encouraging gardeners to “Plant a Row for the Hungry”.

The Food Pantry is located at the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (the old Post office). Produce can be dropped at the pantry during these hours:

- Monday: 11am-Noon
- Tuesday: 10-11am, 2-6pm
- Wednesday: 9:30-11:30am
- Thursday: 10am-Noon
- Friday: 9:30-11:30am
- Saturday: 10:30am-1pm

There is also a basket provided at the garden where produce can be placed and volunteers from the pantry pick up food several times a week.

Thank you for being a part of the Fight for the Hungry. Information below will be used for the Food Pantry to communicate with gardeners about the fresh produce program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to plant a “Row for the Hungry” and make donations to the Food Pantry or another local non-profit organization.

Name(s)	_____	Phone	_____
Address	_____	Alternate Phone	_____
City & Zip	_____	E-Mail	_____

*For additional information about the Coralville Community Food Pantry, call 319-337-3663 or go to [www.coralvillefoodpantry.org](http://www.coralvillefoodpantry.org)*