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## HORICON COMMUNITY GARDENS 2018 RESERVATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ WI \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that the Horicon Community Garden is organic.** Organic gardeners don't use synthetic fertilizers or pesticides on their plants. They typically rely on pesticides and fertilizers derived from plants, animal wastes, and minerals. The methods used in organic gardening seek to increase soil fertility, balance insect populations, and reduce air, soil, and water pollution.

Indicate the number of gardens you would like to rent. The rental rate for each 4' x 8' raised-bed garden is \$20. The rental rate for each 8' x 12' ground plot is \$30. There are a limited number of plots available and they are assigned on a first-come first-served basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4' x 8' raised bed multiplied by \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8' x 12' ground plot multiplied by \$30 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Check Payable To:**

Horicon Phoenix Program  
Community Garden Program  
Attn: Liz Darner  
319 E Lake Street, Lower Level  
Horicon, WI 53032  
920-485-0216  
liz@horiconphoenix.com

**Please Sign Waiver  
And Garden Rules**



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**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
Horicon Community Garden**

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

have reviewed, understand, and agree to abide by the Horicon Community Garden policies relative to the use of the Community Garden and the conditions set forth therein. I agree to abide by all Community Garden rules and understand that use of the Community Garden may be denied if policies or rules are not followed.

I understand and am aware that gardening, including the use of tools, equipment, insect control products and chemical fertilizers, is a potentially hazardous activity and involves a risk of injury, death and property damage. I hereby agree to expressly assume and accept all risks associated with gardening and the use of the Community Garden including, but not limited to, those caused by terrain, facilities, soil conditions, temperature, physical exertion, insect/rodent exposure, chemical exposure and actions of other people.

I understand that my use of the Community Garden is voluntary and I do so at my own risk. In consideration of being allowed to use the Community Garden, I hereby agree on behalf of myself and my executor's, etc. to waive, release, and forever discharge The Horicon Community Garden, The Horicon Phoenix Program, the City of Horicon, and each of their officers, agents, employees, representatives and all others from any and all responsibilities or liability for injuries (including death), damages or loss including claims or causes of action, including those caused by the negligent acts or omissions of any of those mentioned, resulting from my use of the Community Garden or in any activities connected with the Community Garden.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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## **Horicon Community Garden Guidelines and Regulations**

*Disclaimer: Agency partners do not assume responsibility for mishap or injury on City property, nor are the agency partners responsible for accidental or intentional acts of vandalism or other unforeseen harm garden acts by person(s), animal(s), or weather. Garden plot renters agree to follow the guidelines and regulations established for the garden season. Any incidents occurring on their plots or at the garden site shall be their liability.*

It is the intent of the Horicon Community Gardens to be a source of individual, family, and community pride. It is in that spirit that gardeners are encouraged to personalize their plots with whatever items they have which can make the community garden a more interesting and lively space to be. However, the community garden cannot be responsible for any personal items brought in to the garden that are lost, damaged, or vandalized. Items brought in to the garden are done so at your own risk.

### **1. Garden Rules and Procedures**

**Location:** The community garden is located in Kiwanis Park in Horicon, on the east side as you enter.

**Parking:** Available in the Kiwanis Park parking lot.

**Plot Size and Boundary Stakes:** The garden plots are marked by stake with your garden plot # listed. Plant your garden within your assigned plot.

**Walk only** on walkways and on your own plot. Leave areas wide enough for you to walk around the borders of your own plots. Do not walk in anyone else's plot or allow any children under your care to do so.

**Toilet facilities** are available in the Kiwanis Park building bathrooms. Please help us help the Horicon Parks Department by keeping the building and area around the building picked up.

**Garbage:** There is no garbage pick-up at the garden site. The blue barrels in the park are for Park use only. All plastic, paper and other refuse must be taken home.

**Pets** are not allowed in the Community Garden.



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## **2. Garden Safety**

**Security:** For the safety and security of yourselves and our garden, we encourage you to keep a close eye on children and fellow gardeners. If possible, garden with a family member or friend. The garden will operate the same hours as the rest of the Horicon City Parks: 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

If you should have concerns about any activity at the community garden that seems unusual or out of place for the garden area, please contact law enforcement and report it as soon as possible (dial 911 for emergencies, or 485-3555 for non-emergencies). Of course, reports of any incidents must also be brought to the attention of the Horicon Community Garden Director.

**Parents** must keep children under supervisions at all times. Be aware that the garden and park area is in close proximity to the Rock River.

**Policing:** Anyone caught harvesting someone else's produce or vandalizing someone else's plot will lose the privilege of using the garden site.

## **3. Plot Preparation and Maintenance**

**The garden plots will be tilled** once in the spring when the moisture content allows good soil preparation. Gardeners may use walking-behind rototillers in their plots. Adding organic material (composted materials such as lawn clippings, leaves, decomposed plants and composted manure) is the best way to improve soil quality.

**Water for gardens:** will be available from the water tanks that are in the garden shelter. You must provide your own watering can. ***When watering, please be aware of other gardeners who may also want access to the water and practice good water conservation methods. Over-watering causes as many problems as under-watering.***



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### **Garden Neglect and Weed Control**

**Gardens and pathways must be kept free of weeds:** Weeds are unsightly and spread seeds to adjacent garden areas and cause hardships to other gardeners. Hoeing to control weeds and thinning vegetables to the proper recommended distances will conserve moisture and reduce weeds. Gardeners with neglected garden plots will first be notified by word of mouth, phone, or email that they must take care of all weeding within (2) weeks. If a gardener does not comply, the plot will be expunged and the individual will lose the privilege of using the garden site.

**Mulching:** Straw, leaves, and shredded newspaper may be used to suppress weeds and conserve moisture. Be sure to cover shredded newspapers with soil or leaf mulch to prevent them from blowing away.

**Garden Fertilization:** Gardeners will be responsible for fertilizing their own plots. This will allow individuals to do organic gardening. **Herbicides (which kill weeds) are not allowed in the community garden!** Gardeners may apply any organic matter (such as composted plants and manure) to meet the nitrogen needs of their crops.

**Pesticide Use & Disposal:** Pesticides are chemicals used to kill or repel pests. Pesticides include herbicides (which kill weeds), insecticides (which kill insects), and fungicides (which kill fungi).

Pesticides are poisonous and pose a threat to animals, fish, plants, and insects beyond the target pest. They can also be harmful to beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, bees and butterflies. For this reason, and because highly toxic insecticides and herbicides may drift to neighboring garden plots, insecticide and herbicide use in the community garden is **limited to the following:**

- Botanical insecticides (Ryania & Pyrethrin), Insecticidal soaps and oils, Microbial insecticides (Bt-Dipel, Thuridice, M-One and Lepinox), Mineral insecticides (diatomaceous earth)
- *Caution: **Rotenone** is extremely toxic to fish!* Keep out of water. Special care should be taken to keep this out of the community garden since it borders the Rock River.

Gardeners using unacceptable pesticides will be given only one warning. Continued use of unacceptable pesticides after a warning will result in the loss of your garden plot and the privilege of using the garden site.



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#### 4. Miscellaneous

**Garden Opening** will be in early May as weather permits. Please do not attempt to plant gardens prior to being notified of your plot location and opening date.

**Fall Clean-up and Garden Close** will take place in mid-October. It is the responsibility of the community gardeners to clean up their garden site. Plant material and other organic matter should be disposed of in the compost area behind the shed.

***Prior to the garden close date, all stakes, string, fencing, water jugs, plastic material and tomato cages must be removed from the garden plots and taken home.*** Anything left behind may be disposed of.

Please keep the following phone number handy for your reference:

Garden Administrator: Liz Darner 920-485-0216 [liz@horiconphoenix.com](mailto:liz@horiconphoenix.com)

***Free garden advice is available any time:***

***Dodge County Master Gardeners: [askamastergardener@att.net](mailto:askamastergardener@att.net)***

***Liz Darner, Horticulturalist: [liz@horiconphoenix.com](mailto:liz@horiconphoenix.com)***

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Signature

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Date

*Please keep a copy for your reference.*