

**Chatham Arch Community Garden**  
**Application for Gardeners for 2014 Growing Season**

**Please send completed application by hand, mail or email to**

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**Deadline for applications is March 1.**

**Name(s)** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE NOTE: Each gardener will be assigned their own plot to maintain and grow their own produce and will be asked to pay a nominal fee to provide for the garden's operation. If the number of interested gardeners exceeds the number of available plots, gardeners who participated in 2013 and are interested in renewing will have first choice of plots, and all other applications will be considered on a first come first serve basis. If interest exceeds space, plots will be issued as single plots to ensure as many gardeners as possible are able to participate. Gardeners will be notified of their plot assignments by April 1<sup>st</sup> and may begin working in their plots as soon after that as they wish. All plots must be worked by June 1<sup>st</sup> or they will be reassigned.

I request: \_\_\_\_\_ a single plot (4 feet by 4 feet) (fee will be \$25)

\_\_\_\_\_ a double plot (4 feet by 8 feet) (fee will be \$50)

\_\_\_\_\_ an ADA-accessible plot (preferred height \_\_\_\_\_) (fee will be \$25)

**Please read the second page of this application. If you agree to abide by the guidelines, please sign, date and send in your completed application. PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT AT THIS TIME. We will collect gardeners' dues and liability waivers once plot assignments are confirmed.**

**Contact:** Sarah Anderson via phone at 317-423-8959

## GUIDELINES & RULES

**1. Plots.** Garden plots are reserved for **one** gardening season. A gardener has no guarantee that any plot will be re-assigned to them the following year(s). Therefore, any perennial plants are planted at your own risk. Tomato cages and stakes need to be removed at the end of the gardening season. Failure to clean out your plot will affect your plot application for the following year.

**2. Plot Reassignment.** If you are for any reason no longer able to maintain your plot, do not give it away to a friend. Your plot will be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list.

**3. Neighboring plots.** Do not pick, take, weed, destroy or steal anything from another gardener's plot.

**4. Pest Control.** Only **organic** means of pest control may be used. If you have questions about what qualifies, call the number on the front page.

**5. Plot maintenance.** You are expected to actively garden and maintain your plot in an acceptable manner. All garden plots must be worked by June 1st. Plots must be cleared at the end of the season (date will be announced). “...an acceptable manner” means that you are actively gardening – digging, sowing, planting, weeding, pruning, watering, harvesting, etc. – once a week at the very least during the growing season. If you are ill or on short vacation, ask a friend/relative or another garden plot holder to water and tend your plot.

**Warning Notices.** A first warning will be mailed to any gardener whose plot looks untended. The gardener has 10 days to remedy the situation. A second warning will be given via phone call. From the phone call, the gardener has 10 days. If the plot is *still* not gardened – after two warnings and 20 days – the plot will be cleared and it will be reassigned. A notice of reassignment will be mailed and attempt to phone the past gardener at least three times on three separate days will be made.

**6. Pathways.** You are responsible for weeding and taking care of the paths around your plot. It must be smooth to walk on and free of debris and weeds. These paths cannot be eliminated and must be kept clear. Plants should not extend onto the walkway. Be considerate of all who walk past. Prune, tie back or transplant errant plants – especially if they are thorny.

**7. Plant materials discouraged.** Trees are NOT permitted in individual garden plots.

If planting **tall plants**, plant where they are least likely to cast shade upon your neighbors' plots.

**8. Standing towers and walls.** “Highrise” structures, walls, or any assemblage of materials that encloses a plot or intrudes on another's is not permitted. Only one side of a garden plot can have vertical trellis-like, open, airy structures for supporting climbing vegetables, vines or flowers. Poles, stakes, cages and other supports that are used for plants are allowed.

**9. Water/Hoses.** Please conserve water. The water supply is only to be used by gardeners caring for their assigned areas. No washing of cars or other personal, non-garden related items. Please shut off spigot and neatly rewind the hose after use. Take special care not to damage another's plants when pulling the hose to your plot. Water another's plot **only** if you have been asked to.

**10. Volunteer.** You are required to volunteer in the garden – to donate some time to the maintenance of the Garden. We will likely hold the first volunteer day early in the season to add soil to beds and build any existing new beds. Occasional clean-up events will be announced during the season. If you cannot make it to the events, please put in time before or after the event to help clean up.

**11. Activities in the Garden.** Walking through or standing in any garden plot is not permitted. Littering, urinating and defecating are absolutely prohibited. Amplified sound is not permitted except through headphones. No unlawful activities (that includes NO alcohol).

**12. Pets.** For the safety of all gardeners growing edibles, no pets in or near the plots.

***I have read and agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines. I understand that failure to observe any of them may result in garden privileges being revoked and/or garden plots being reassigned.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_