

**Forest Street Gardens
Application**

Please complete the following information and return application and fee(s) to:

Park Maintenance Department
Marybeth Berry – Volunteer Coordinator
1040 Forest Street
Eau Claire, WI 54703
(715) 839-5039 Fax (715) 839-3823
Marybeth.Berry@ci.eau-claire.wi.us

Primary gardener contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the following (I am interested in):

Single Plot (20' x 20') \$30.00 Double Plot (2 20' x 20's) \$50.00 **Make check out to: Community Parks Association**

I would like up to _____ additional single contiguous plots if available. **Do not include payment for additional plots until you have received confirmation from the Volunteer Coordinator.**

If you have any requests, or have any special needs regarding your garden plot, please let us know, we will make every effort to accommodate your requests.

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

The City of Eau Claire will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or damages, nor will the City of Eau Claire be responsible for any theft, damage to, loss of, or replacement of any belongings, equipment, materials, or tools, or plantings. There is no security for any personal belongings.

Failure to follow any garden or public area rules and regulations, after reasonable attempt to notify gardener, will result in loss of gardening plot. Gardener may seek to re-establish gardening privileges but is asked to stay out of the gardening area until the issue is resolved. The gardener will not be eligible for any refund or reimbursement for any seed, plantings, or other materials left at gardening site.

Please make sure that you have read and understand the attached rules and guideline sheet, and sign below indicating that you agree to the rules and conditions.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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Gardener paid in full: Yes No

Gardener is a continuing plot holder: Yes No

Gardener has been assigned plot: _____

Eau Claire Community Garden

The goal of the Eau Claire Community Garden is to provide an area for individuals and families to garden, and to build and nurture community friendships to share and enhance gardening skills. Gardeners from year one will have first opportunity to continue their garden spots the following year and their plot will be reserved for them as soon as payment for the following year is made.

The Eau Claire Community Garden Association would like to encourage all plot holders to give some of their harvest to the hungry. There will be a donation bin at the garden and all donated produce will be given to a local food bank. Please compost spoiled or over ripe produce.

Eau Claire Community Garden Etiquette:

- Introduce yourself and build a stronger community!!
- If planting tall crops, do so where they won't shade other garden plots.
- Weed and maintain your garden regularly.
- Remove pests and diseased plants often as they also quickly spread.
- Never borrow tools from another gardener without permission.
- Do not pick any planting from another plot even if you think that plot has been abandoned.
- Please walk with care, and do not trample surrounding plants in another plot.
- Do not remove plot markers. If unsure of boundaries contact Garden Coordinator.
- Children are welcome at the Garden; however please watch them and monitor their activities.
- Use personal music players instead of radios in the garden and please no cell phone use.
- Do not bring pets to the gardening area.
- Place all rocks removed from your garden in the designated area.
- If you have a concern or issue with a gardening neighbor please address it with him/her in a neighborly manner. If the issue cannot be resolved please contact the Gardening Coordinator.

2010 Community Garden Coordinator: Andrew Werthmann - 616 Wisconsin Street, Apt. #1, Eau Claire, WI 54703 | Res. Phone: 495-2451 or by email: Andrew.Werthmann@EC-CityCouncil.com

Eau Claire Community Garden Planting Guidelines and Responsibilities

- I plan to attend the Work Weekend in May or will speak to the garden coordinator regarding work opportunities.
- I will plant my garden promptly.
- I will harvest all my plant material at the end of season as directed by the garden coordinator.
- I will prepare my plot for ground cover as directed by the garden coordinator.
- I will compost all plant material and carry out all garbage. I will not put trash in the compost pile.
- I will maintain my garden plot, including weeding. I will be notified if my plot is excessively weedy and will be given a reasonable period to clean it up. If I do not comply, my plot may be forfeited to another gardener.
- I will not plant trees, shrubs, etc. in the community garden.
- I will not use synthetic (non-organic) chemicals. For the health of our community, it is the goal of the community garden to have a natural garden, only natural defenses against insects and disease may be used. Pyrethrins, Rotenone and other neurotoxins are also prohibited. Other organic compounds may be disallowed - subject to a decision from the EC Community Garden Association.
- I will plant only annual plants (or remove and over-winter perennial plants elsewhere).
- I will not extend my garden past the plot markers. Or will be asked to remove plants that extend past the markers, and if not done in a 2 week period, plants may be removed without warning.
- I will keep aisles and walkways free of tools and weeds. I will not plant invasive species such as mint, comfrey etc. that may spread to other areas of the garden.
- If I must abandon my garden I will notify the Garden Coordinator as soon as possible.
- I will not bring pets to the garden.
- I will volunteer one day at the beginning of the season and end of the season to clean up the gardens.
- I understand neither the Community Garden association nor the City of E.C. are responsible for my actions.

Plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis, gardeners should tell organizers what they plan to grow. Plots need to be rotated based on what has been grown in each plot to minimize chances for disease and maximize probability for yield. We will make every attempt to accommodate everyone's requests and try to fill plots in as fair a manner as we reasonably can.