



# Somerville Community Garden Plot Renewal Form



- 1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Address \_\_\_\_\_, Somerville MA, 0214\_\_
- 3. Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Email \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Community Garden name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location of plot (plot number): \_\_\_\_\_  
 I'm interested in being a garden coordinator
- 6. Year that I joined this community garden: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Income Eligibility Fee Discount: I am interested in receiving a reduction in the annual garden fee due to receiving one or more of the following forms of assistance: SNAP/EBT, TAFDC/EAEDC, MassHealth, Head Start, WIC, Fuel Assistance, SSI/Disability, Unemployment, Veteran's Benefits, or other not listed.  
 YES                       NO
- 8. I verify that I have read and understood the Community Garden Agreement (back), and I commit to meeting those expectations in the upcoming growing season.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form, along with your annual plot fee, to your garden coordinator.

### Voluntary Information

Number of people who help tend this garden plot: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions or Comments about the Somerville Community Garden Program?**

E-mail the Citywide Garden Coordinator at [somerville.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:somerville.gardens@gmail.com)  
 Call the Somerville Conservation Agent 617-625-6600 x 2514

**More information is available at:**  
<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/community-garden-program>



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR

**Somerville Conservation Commission  
Community Garden Agreement**

1. Your name, address, e-mail address, phone number and garden assignment may be made available to the other gardeners at your site and registered with the City's Conservation Commission.
2. Each garden site decides its own annual fee (\$15 – \$35), to be paid when you receive a plot; for every fee collected \$5 goes into a general garden fund that helps to develop and promote the City's community gardens.
3. We encourage you to use the gardening season to its fullest. Your plot **must** be cleared by May 15<sup>th</sup>, and work on gardens **must** be started by June 1<sup>st</sup> at the very latest. If you fail to do so without having made arrangements with your coordinator, your plot will be reassigned to the next person on the waiting list.
4. Gardeners must keep their plots in healthy condition—weeding, watering, harvesting and clean-up. If you do not keep your plot in healthy condition, you will lose your plot.
5. The use of pesticides or herbicides is strongly discouraged. Questions or concerns should be brought to the Citywide Garden Coordinator.
6. Water use should be consistent with water conservation practices. Most gardens use city water—this is a generous donation, not to be taken for granted.
7. All gardeners will participate in care of common spaces. Coordinators will make arrangements for community meetings and clean-ups; **your attendance is required**.
8. Common tools are available at most sites. Please care for these tools appropriately. You may bring your own tools to work in your garden.
9. You agree to hold the City of Somerville and its agents and employees harmless for any personal injury or accidents occurring while you are working in the garden.
10. Only one plot will be allotted per family.
11. This agreement is valid for one growing season and is subject to change at the discretion of the City's Conservation Commission.
12. **Lincoln Park Community Gardeners Only:** Each gardener (or family) can hold a garden plot for a maximum of three (3) full growing seasons. After this term has expired, you may sign up to be on the waitlist again.

You understand that having a community garden plot is an opportunity—not a right. There are more people than plots. Please act accordingly and respect this privilege.

If you have any questions, please contact your site coordinator, the Citywide Garden Coordinator Tara Mitchell ([somerville.gardens@gmail.com](mailto:somerville.gardens@gmail.com)), or the Conservation Agent Malik Drayton ([mdrayton@somervillema.gov](mailto:mdrayton@somervillema.gov), 617-625-6600 x2514).

