



Somerville Community Garden Plot Application



1. Name _____

2. Address _____, Somerville MA, 0214__

3. Phone _____

4. Email _____

5. Preferred contact method(s) (e-mail is the default): Mail Email Phone

6. Community Garden Location Preferences

- Albion Park Allen St. Park Avon Park Bikeway Garden
- Durell Park Glen Park Lincoln Park* Morse-Kelley Park
- Osgood Park Tufts Garden Walnut Street Park
- No preference (first available plot in any garden)
- I need an ADA accessible plot I'm interested in being a garden coordinator

* See back of form for rules regarding Lincoln Park term limits

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 if I receive a community garden plot.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Voluntary Information (does not affect your application)

Number of people in the household who may help tend this garden: _____

Sex/Gender: Female Male Transgender Nonbinary Other

Age: 18-34 35-49 50-64 65-75 >75

Race/Ethnicity:* Caucasian Black Latinx Asian/Pacific Islander

* Check all that apply American Indian/Alaskan Native Other _____

Do you have space to garden at home? (circle): Yes No

How did you hear about this program? _____

More information, including a map of gardens, is available at:
<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/programs/community-garden-program>

Questions? E-mail somerville.gardens@gmail.com or call 617-625-6600 x 2514

Please return this form to the garden coordinator, or mail to Conservation Agent:
City of Somerville, ATTN: Community Gardens, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143



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 15th, and work on gardens **must** be started by June 1st 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), or the Conservation Agent Malik Drayton (mdrayton@somervillema.gov, 617-625-6600 x2514).

