



BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY GARDEN
at the **SWENDSEN FARM PRESERVE**



GARDENER'S APPLICATION

Name(s): PLEASE PRINT _____

Address: _____ e-mail Address: _____

Telephone: Days: _____ Evenings: _____

Select Single OR Double plot, and any other desired option:

- _____ Cultivate a Single Plot (5' x 25') for \$10/season
- _____ Cultivate a Double Plot (10' x 25') for \$20/season
- _____ Cultivate a Raised Bed – several available for qualified applicants.
- _____ Volunteer in the common areas to grow food for the Food Bank and for families in need.

All plot renters are expected to care for their plot throughout the season, including Spring/Fall cleanup, weeding, watering, harvesting, and to follow the garden rules and guidelines.

Checks payable to: Bethlehem Conservation Commission (write 'community garden' in memo area)

Drop off or mail application and payment to: The Bethlehem Public Library
 32 Main Street South, Bethlehem, CT 06751

Complete the following survey so that the garden can be a productive and safe environment for all:

- _____ I have an allergy to bees stings. _____ I use an epipen.
- _____ I am a senior citizen.
- _____ I am new to gardening and would like guidance in: _____
- _____ I have gardened before (describe, us back of form): _____
- _____ If I produce extra vegetables, I would be willing to donate this produce to Bethlehem Seniors and the Bethlehem Food Bank so those in need have access to fresh/local, organic vegetables.

I can help with a work party. Best days/times for me: _____

AGREEMENT (signature required)

I understand that it will be at the discretion of the Bethlehem Conservation Commission and the Community Garden Coordinators to accept my application and assign a single or double "plot" based on availability. I also understand that if I fail to follow attached guidelines, I run the risk of forfeiting my spot. I further agree to hold harmless the Bethlehem Conservation Commission, its Community Garden Coordinators, and the Town of Bethlehem, CT from any claims for damages or injuries arising from my use of the Bethlehem Community Garden at the Swendsen Farm Preserve.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Independent Plot # _____ or PUT on WAITING LIST: _____ Guidelines provided and an orientation attended : _____ Date: _____

Correct Application fee received: _____ Signature of Garden Coordinator: _____

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Bethlehem Community Garden Rules

An Organic garden.

We practice Organic methods of gardening allowing only organic fertilizers and pest control.

- 1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot.** Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Please take out any trash and plant containers to recycle them on your own. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
- 2. Tools of all types are available for use and are marked with green tape.** They will be found at the entrance to the garden, in the box near the first raised bed or in the garden shed (lock combination WORME).
- 3. Water! We now are in our 3rd season with our well.** Please ask how to turn on the pump. And please turn off the pump if you are the last person in the garden. There is a laminated photo of the pump in the “on” and the “off” positions as a reference.
- 4. Please be sure that the garden gates are both closed and the garden shed is locked when you are the last gardener at the garden.** We have deer and other creatures who would love to visit all our plots and eat our tender greens.
- 5. Children are welcome in the garden.** But they must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
- 6. We love our dogs.** But please keep them out of the fenced portion of the garden, the asparagus bed and away from the blueberries and raspberries.
- 7. Garden Plots Assignment** Plots are assigned in the Spring, and those who gardened in the previous year will be given preference for returning to their plot each season. There are private plots rented by individuals and community plots that are planted, cultivated and harvested for food banks in the area. Please, harvest only from your own plot and only by permission from other gardeners’ plots.
- 8. Care of your plot at the end of the season.** Please remove all plants and refuse from your plot by November 1st and let us know if you intend to return the next season.
- 9. Volunteer work in the Community Garden** Over the past 9 seasons our Community garden has provided between 1000-1500 pounds of fresh, organic produce to our town food bank and to other food banks and soup kitchens in the area. Our garden coordinators (all volunteers) have been able to do this because other volunteers and our plot renters have given of their time. We ask that each plot renter give 2 hours/ month to the community garden to help with planting, weeding, mulching, harvesting.

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