

PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY GARDENS

Membership Agreement, Responsibilities and Application

This Document has been established by the members of the Pleasant Valley Community Gardens. These are intended to help all our member gardeners grow fresh, healthy food in a thriving garden, to create a sense of community among our gardeners and our garden neighbors, and to provide fresh produce to our community. Please read and direct any questions, suggestions, or comments to the garden leaders.

MEMBERSHIP

- All gardeners are required to complete the PVCG Garden Application (below), The Town of Pleasant Valley Volunteer Form, and pay the suggested annual PVCG Annual Membership Dues.
- Members are expected to attend meetings, workshops and planned workdays whenever possible. It is particularly important to attend the January General Meeting where any concerns, issues, document modifications, or special projects are addressed, and leadership elected.
- Gardeners are expected to be cooperative, civil, and honest in all interactions.
- It is recommended to have at least 2 people working in the Garden at all times.
- Report theft, damage, and any issues to garden leadership.
- Any unresolved Violation of Rules & Regulations may result in losing your gardening privileges and dues.

PVCG GENERAL RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- The hours of Garden operation are dawn to dusk, March through December
- Family members and guests are welcome at the garden site. Members must agree to accompany all guests and understand that he/ she is responsible for their actions. Children must be supervised. Guest violations will be treated as violations of the gardener.
- Garden Gate must be closed at all times except during open hours and when members are in the garden.
- Garden is used for growing fruits, vegetables and flowers and not for commercial sales.
- Plants extending into walkways and other crop areas should be trimmed.
- Gardeners should visit and maintain plots or areas at least once a week.
- Pesticides are not allowed in the garden. Organic ways to control insects and diseases should be used only as necessary - one of our gardeners can provide advice.
- Plant tall crops & vines in places where they will not shade other crops. Planting illegal crops is prohibited. Any invasive plants, such as mint, should be planted in containers.
- Biodegradable mulch is encouraged. Examples include: aged compost, leaves, straw, and hay. Carpet mulch, stone, newspaper, cardboard and sod are not allowed.
- Garden boundaries should be kept weeded and trash free, including the pathways.
- No permanent structures are allowed. All temporary structures must have written approval of Recreation, PV Town Board and the PVCG Board.
- Littering or dumping is not allowed. The garden is a carry-in and carry-out facility and should remain trash free. Compost bins are for plant waste only. No kitchen garbage is allowed.
- Pets, smoking, chewing tobacco, alcohol, loud audio, glass containers and fires are prohibited.
- Diseased, seedy & invasive plants should be bagged and put in trash so as not to contaminate the gardens. Old woody plants are to be placed in the brush pile to be disposed of.
- Put tools away, hoses, ensure gate is secured & leave garden area neat & tidy at the end of day.

- At the end of season, all dead plants, & non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc. must be removed and disposed of properly.

PARKING

- Park in designated areas and be mindful of our neighbors.

RENTED PERSONAL GARDEN PLOT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Anyone renting a personal Garden Plot must abide by all the above Garden Rules & Regulations.
- Gardeners will be assigned one garden plot with the dimensions of about 3 feet by 10 feet for a fee of \$50.00 per season.
- Gardener's rented plots must be in a cultivated state by June 1 and be cleared with debris composted by December 1st. (except for winter cover crops). At the end of season, non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic must be removed and disposed of properly.
- Gardeners should visit and maintain plots at least once a week. Gardeners provide their own seeds & plants and are responsible for cultivating, weeding, watering their own plots and maintaining the surrounding paths.
- If you will be out of town or on vacation, please arrange to have a fellow gardener watch over your space.

COMPOST

- Compost healthy plants. Diseased, seedy & invasive plants should be bagged and put in trash so as not to contaminate the gardens. Old woody plants are to be placed in the brush pile for disposal.
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TOOLS & WATERING

- Ensure PVCG tools are cleaned and returned to the storage area.
- Be water-wise when watering. Roll up hoses.

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Membership Application

- Name: _____
- Address: _____
- Email: _____
- Phone: Cell: _____ Home _____ Other _____
- Emergency Contact Name: _____
- Emergency Email: _____ Phone: _____
- Suggested Dues: Make check payable to PVCG check one below
 - ☐ PVCG Annual Individual Membership: \$25.00
 - ☐ PVCG Annual Family Membership: \$40.00 (member +1)
 - ☐ PVCG Lifetime Membership: \$250.00
 - ☐ Optional Personal Plot: \$50.00 per year

The following is a list of things you may be able to help with, please check any that you feel you are interested in or would be able to help with:

- Leadership , Officer
- Garden maintenance
- Composting
- Harvesting
- PV Pantry delivery
- Publicity
- Social Media
- Outreach
- Community Relations
- Horticultural advisors
- Individual Plot Coordination
- Translation

If you are a new gardener, would you like an experienced gardener to help you? Yes _____ No _____

If you are an experienced gardener, would you like to help a new gardener? Yes _____ No _____

Photo permission: From time to time, gardeners, garden leaders and the media will take photos of the garden. Please check here (☐) if you do not give your permission for your photo to be published. If you do not give your permission, please let photographers know.

- Phone and email: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and email address with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone and email lists are shared with all gardeners. Please check here (☐) if you do not give your permission to share your phone number and email with all gardeners and provide another way we are able to get in touch with you.

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- By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the PVCG Membership Agreement & Responsibilities, the General Rules & Regulations, and will abide by all the language in this document. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.

Print Name

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Signature/Date