

Rees & Sumach Community Garden Application Form

Name _____ Date _____
Name of Primary Gardener

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____
Day Evening Cell

Co-Gardener _____
Name Phone, if different from above

Co-Gardener E-Mail _____
(if different)

Have you ever gardened before? ___ Yes ___ No

Please briefly describe your gardening experience: _____

Please describe why you want to participate in the Community Garden: _____

Please describe any special needs or accommodations _____

ALL APPLICANTS: I/We hereby apply for an individual plot, agree to pay the \$50 plot fee, less any approved reduction, within 2 weeks of plot assignment, and agree to abide by the attached Rules and Garden Commandments of the Rees & Sumach Community Garden, which I/we have read and initialed and received a copy of. I/we agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the landowner and lessees of the garden site and all sponsors of the garden, and all officers, employees, agents or volunteers of said sponsors, with regard to the condition of the premises and as to any liability for damages arising from the use of the garden by me/us or any person I invite to the garden, and as to any claim for damages for negligence or other wrongful act or omission of the any of such persons or organizations, and to indemnify and hold harmless said organizations and persons from any and all damages or expenses relating to claims made by or on behalf of the undersigned, or any minor child, ward or other family member of the undersigned, and from any claim arising from the acts or omissions of the undersigned, or the undersigned's minor child, ward or other family member, or any other gardener using my plot.

In signing this, I am stating that I am prepared to meet the physical and other demands of gardening in the Community Garden, i.e., maintenance, stewardship tasks, meetings, and responsibilities to other gardeners, including reading and responding to garden emails.

Signature(s) _____ (Applicant) _____ (Co-Gardener) _____ Date _____

Priority will be given and fee reductions made as provided in the Garden Rules. If you wish to apply for a fee reduction, please check here () and attach a letter including the requested amount and the reason for your request. If not assigned a plot, do you wish to be put on a Waiting List? ___ Yes ___ No

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: Rees & Sumach Community Garden, PO Box 1222, Walla Walla WA 99362, or deliver the completed application to 717 N. Main. If you do not have access to a printer, please email your completed application to clarkbh@charter.net or phone (509) 522-0399.

REES AND SUMACH COMMUNITY GARDEN
RULES

1. Individual plots for the coming year will be assigned by the Garden Coordinator from October 31 through May 31, in the following order:
 - a. Those who had individual plots in the prior year and have met their garden obligations will be reassigned the same plot if a renewal application with a deposit of at least \$10 is submitted by November 1.
 - b. New gardeners will be assigned an available plot after November 1 in the order of their requests.
 - c. Each household, regardless of the number of residents, will be assigned only one individual plot.
2. Membership fee is \$50 per year, and gives the right to water, cultivate, and harvest an individual plot, participate in meetings and decision-making regarding the garden, and harvest from common areas. Individuals and families for whom the full membership fee would be a hardship may request a waiver of between \$10 and \$30. Applications filed by November 1 receive a \$10 discount from the full membership fee.
3. If there are unassigned individual plots after May 31, the Garden Coordinator, if requested, will assign a second plot to one or more members for the purpose of growing common area crops.
4. Helping with common areas is required. Each gardener will be assigned to be a steward or co-steward of a common area as a condition of membership.
5. Individual plots must be tended regularly throughout the year, including at least weekly weeding, watering, and harvesting in season. If a plot is untended for more than two weeks during the regular season of March 1 through October 31, or if a stewardship task has not been completed for over a month, the gardener may be given notice to correct by a particular date; if the problem continues, the plot may be reassigned to someone else without a refund of fees.
6. Organic and inorganic fertilizers may be applied, though organic are preferred. Only organic pest and herb control may be used—no insecticides or herbicides.
7. Water use and conservation are important. Water must be turned off at the spigot before leaving the garden. Watering should be limited to one's own plot unless permission is given by others.
8. Trees are not permitted in individual plots, and tall or trellised plants should not shade neighboring plots; spreading plants must be kept within individual boundaries and out of the paths. Raised beds are allowed but must be removed by the owner when the plot is reassigned, if requested. All plots—individual and common—must be prepared for winter by October 31. To prevent weed growth, all plots—individual and common—that are not going to be cultivated during the winter must be prepared for winter by October 31 by clearing and covering with cardboard, wood chips, leaves or straw.
9. Community tools and equipment may not be removed from the garden, and must be returned to the tool shed in clean condition and the shed left locked.

10. Gardeners are encouraged to donate 10% of their individual plot harvest to local food banks. Produce from the garden may not be sold. All members may fairly share in the harvest from common areas for their current household use.
11. Children under the age of 18 are welcome as long as they are closely supervised to avoid damage to neighboring plots and common areas. No dogs are permitted in the garden.
12. Additional temporary rules may be adopted at any general membership meeting or by the executive committee, and shall be distributed to all members.

THE GARDEN COMMANDMENTS

- ____ 1. Introduce yourself to anyone you don't know in the garden.**
- ____ 2. Explain the garden rules to visitors and report any violations to the garden coordinator at rees.sumach@charter.net.**
- ____ 3. Keep your communications with everyone friendly, even your complaints.**
- ____ 4. Pull a few weeds in the common areas every time you garden.**
- ____ 5. Don't touch or water anyone else's bed without their permission.**
- ____ 6. Harvest from the common areas only for food banks or your household's current use.**
- ____ 7. Turn off all hoses and open or remove their nozzles when you leave the garden.**
- ____ 8. Leave the gates and the tool shed locked.**
- ____ 9. Attend meetings.**
- ____ 10. Read your mail at least once a week, and respond to emails marked "Response Required."**

And have fun!