



2012 Garden Plot Applicants,

Along with this letter, the Bloomington Community Gardens online application packet contains the Bloomington Community Gardens Rental Agreement and a 2012 Plot Application. Please review both the rental agreement and application. If you are interested in renting a garden plot please return your completed application, including signature and payment of \$35.00 per plot, to Parks and Recreation (attention: garden plots) at the address shown on the bottom of this page. Applications with credit card payment may be faxed. If you choose to fax your application we ask that you call to confirm its receipt.

Applications may be submitted as soon as the current year's form becomes available and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis beginning March 1, 2012. Priority will be given to 2011 renters in good standing and Bloomington residents. The returning renters' priority registration period closes at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2011. Friday, March 2, through Tuesday, March 6, applications from Bloomington residents who did not rent in 2011 will be processed. Beginning Monday, March 7, all remaining applications will be processed in the order they were received.

Thank you for your interest in Bloomington Parks and Recreation facilities. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mara Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mara Evans
Parks & Recreation Division
952-563-8882 (direct)
952-563-8715 (fax)



BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY GARDENS RENTAL AGREEMENT

THE CITY AGREES TO:

1. Prepare the garden plot for planting.
2. Stake out each 10' x 15' plot and identify all plots by number.
3. Make water accessible to gardeners. (Note: hoses are not available and may not be used.)
4. Refund rental fee (less a \$10 administrative fee) if requested in writing prior to the first day of the Community Gardens season.

I, THE COMMUNITY GARDENER, AGREES TO:

1. Supply my own seeds, fertilizer, water containers and tools for proper preparation and cultivation of crops.
2. Be a good gardening neighbor:
 - Limit activity by me and my family or guests to my personal plot only.
 - Park only in approved parking areas (at the Smith Gardens site garden parking is not allowed on the west side of Park Avenue).
 - Harvest produce from my garden plot only.
 - Help keep the area clean; remove paper and trash from the area.
3. Keep garden pests (weeds, insects and diseases) under control. Weeds are considered to be out of control if they become greater than 6 inches in height or are flowering or going to seed.
4. Use only 100% organic fertilizers to amend the soils of your plot. Commercial chemical pesticides and fertilizers not certified organic for gardening are not to be used; this includes insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides. Some organic materials to use might include pheromone traps, horticulture oils, insecticidal soaps and hot pepper sprays. Biodegradable mulch such as compost, leaves, straw and hay are encouraged.

Use of commercial chemical pesticides and fertilizers not certified organic for gardening is grounds for immediate forfeiture of privileged and your ploy, no refund.

The City does not guarantee the fertility of the soil or that soil is chemical free from previous users.
5. Completely remove weed blocking material used. If *any* weed blocking materials (plastic, fabric, etc.) remain in my plot after October 21 I, the gardener, may be required to pay a penalty of up to \$50.00 and/or be prohibited from renting a garden plot with the City of Bloomington in the future.
6. Clean up my garden plot by October 21; removing all manmade materials but leaving all plant materials in my plot.

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Bloomington Community Gardens Rental Agreement, (Continued)

The community gardener shall keep his/her garden plot(s) cultivated and shall abide by the following restrictions:

- a. No structure, other than protective fencing, shall be built on the premises. Individual gardens may be fenced with chicken wire no more than 6 feet in height to protect crops from animals.
- b. Garden tools may not be left unattended
- c. No tall growing trees shall be planted thereon.
- d. No temporary fixtures, portable equipment, or materials shall be placed on the premises which may tend to create a nuisance.
- e. No automobiles, trucks or trailers shall be parked on the premises, except in the designated parking lot or on the street.
- f. No use of the premises shall be made which tends to induce third persons to drive or trespass upon land adjacent to garden plots, or which give rise to bona fide objections to such use from residents in the area.

The community gardener agrees to assume all liability and to indemnify and compensate the City and Xcel Energy for any injury or damage to persons or property including Xcel Energy's property or employees occasioned by or arising in connection with the use of the premises by the community gardener. The community gardener further agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City and Xcel Energy against all actions, claims, damages or demands which may be brought or made either against the City or Xcel Energy or against Xcel Energy's interest in the premises by reason of anything done by the community gardener, in the exercise or purported exercise of the rights and privileges herein granted.

In case of termination of the lease agreement between the City of Bloomington and Xcel Energy, the City shall immediately notify gardeners at the Smith Gardens site of the termination and any displaced renters would have first rights to available plots at the Harrison site. The community gardener shall have 15 days to clean up his/her garden plot.

THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON AND XCEL ENERGY ASSUME NO LIABILITY FOR ACCIDENTS OR INJURY TO PARTICIPANTS OR OTHERS EITHER ON OR ADJACENT TO THE GARDEN AREA. NEITHER DOES THE CITY OR XCEL ENERGY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTS OF VANDALISM OR LOSS OF CROPS DUE TO THEFT.

I agree to abide by these conditions set forth for the Community Gardener.

Applicant's signature on the Garden Plot Application acknowledges receipt and agreement to abide by the conditions contained within this Community Gardens Rental Agreement.



For office use only:

Date received _____
New/Returning _____
Res/Non-res _____
Plot #(s) assigned _____

BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY GARDENS Renter Plot Application

- ◆ The Smith Park Gardens are located on Park Avenue, between 82nd and 83rd Streets. This land is provided by Xcel Energy through an agreement with the City of Bloomington.
- ◆ The Harrison Park Gardens are located at 1701 West 100th Street.
- ◆ The 2012 gardening season runs April 21 through Oct 21, weather permitting.

Applicant Information:	<input type="checkbox"/> new renter	<input type="checkbox"/> returning 2011 renter
Last Name* _____ First Name* _____		
Street Address * _____ Apt# _____ City* _____ Zip Code* _____		
Home phone number* _____ Work/Cell _____		
Email address _____		
<small>Supplying e-mail information will provide you with important updates (i.e. delay of spring tilling due to weather)</small>		

Plot Information:
I would like to rent _____* plots at <u>Harrison Park / Smith Park / no site preference</u> * <small>number of plots please circle one (if both sites are acceptable please rank "1st" and "2nd")</small>
I prefer plot(s): <input type="checkbox"/> the same plot(s) I rented last year (2011 returning renters only)
<input type="checkbox"/> closest to a water tank <input type="checkbox"/> <u>in the east/ west/center row (only available at Smith site)</u> <small>please circle one</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> other (please explain) _____

I have read and agree to abide by the Community Gardens Rental Agreement

_____ Date* _____
 Owner/Applicant Signature*

Payment Information:	ENCLOSE \$35.00 per plot RENTAL FEE
<input type="checkbox"/> Check (made out to City of Bloomington)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash
Name on credit card _____	Authorized amount to charge _____
Signature _____	Expiration Date: _____
Credit card number _____	

* required information