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Due April 7th, 2023

2023 Prairie Community Garden Application Form

Name _____ Date _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Please check all that apply. (may check more than one):

- Single-parent family
- Senior citizen (60+)
- Two-parent family
- Adult(s) without children
- Persons referred for horticulture therapy
- Youth
- 4-H applicant



Available Plots: I request the following size plot:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/3 plot -approximately 256 square foot plot (16'x16') | \$40.00 per season |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 plot -approximately 384 square foot plot (16'x24') | \$60.00 per season |
| <input type="checkbox"/> full size plot -approximately 768 square foot plot (16'x48') | \$120.00 per season |

Payment must accompany application. Make checks payable to Prairie Community Garden (PCG).

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| If possible would you like the same plot you had last year? | Yes | No |
| Would you like a text message reminder for meetings? | Yes | No |

Phone Number: _____

ALL APPLICANTS: I hereby agree, for me and all those in my plot, to pay the appropriate fee, sign an AGREEMENT, and abide by the RULES of the 2023 Community Garden. In signing this, I am stating that I am prepared to meet the physical demands of gardening in the Community Garden, i.e., maintenance, group workdays, meetings, and responsibilities to my fellow gardeners.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Mail to:

Prairie Community Garden
C/O University of Wyoming Extension
412 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette WY 82716
307-682-7281

2023 PRAIRIE COMMUNITY GARDEN AGREEMENT

If accepted into the 2023 Community Garden project I agree to the following terms:

1. I understand that I am responsible for planning, planting, harvesting, and all other phases of gardening, including weeding. I agree to work cooperatively with the PCG Board Members, staff, college personnel and other plot holders for a successful garden.

2. I will have my plot substantially planted by June 12th or I will lose my plot. I will attend the initial group meeting, work days and the monthly group meetings as scheduled by the Community Garden Committee or send an adult representative.

3. I will keep my address, phone number, and e-mail current with the Horticulture Program Coordinator.

4. I will notify the Horticulture Program Coordinator at the Extension Office (682-7281) immediately if I must abandon my plot during the growing season, regardless of the reason. I understand the Community Garden Board will reassign or clean out the plot as they see fit. Plot fees are non-refundable.

5. I agree to maintain my plot and the surrounding common areas by keeping it watered, neat, weed-free, and pest free as much as is reasonably possible.

6. I will notify the Horticulture Program Coordinator at the University of Wyoming Extension Office (682-7281) if I see or have any problems with the Community Garden. Open communication is the key to a Community Garden.

7. I will not hold liable the Northern Wyoming Community College District (NWCCD), Gillette College, Campbell County Master Gardeners, University of Wyoming Extension Office, Campbell County, or any person associated with the Community Garden for any accident, injury, or loss that may occur at the garden site.

8. I will clear my plot of corn stalks, all plant debris and all non-organic materials (wire, string, stakes, rocks, plastic, etc.) by the designated deadline. If this is a difficulty, I will ask the board for help. I understand any gardeners who do not clear plots may lose their gardening privileges.

9. I understand I am responsible for cleaning and returning all equipment each and every time I have removed them from the shed. Tools are only to be used at the garden.

10. Any use of chemical pesticides or herbicides by the plot holder may be cause for immediate expulsion from the garden. Only approved organic pesticides on the list can be used. The Community Garden board reserves the right to use chemical pesticides or herbicides as needed for the good of the garden. Plot holders will be notified prior to such use. Approved pest control is listed in the PCG Shed.

11. I will notify the Prairie Garden Board or University of Wyoming Extension Office if I am unable to attend any scheduled meeting or workday.

12. I agree to sign up for tasks as needed, for the good of the garden. Everyone will be responsible for tasks.

I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Community Garden rules & regulations.

Signature _____ Date _____

Prairie Community Garden Rules and Regulations 2023

Absence- During your absence, you are responsible to arrange for watering, weeding, harvesting, etc. of your plot.

Additions to plots- Untreated grass, newspapers, straw, etc. are acceptable for pathways and mulching.

Behavior- Responsible and safe behavior is expected at all times. Any person acting in a dangerous or destructive manner will be prohibited from the property. Parents are responsible for their children. Children must be kept out of others' gardens and are not allowed to play with Community Garden tools or waste water.

Common Areas- Plot holders will cooperate to help keep the overall garden site neat and clean. Gardeners will share in the responsibility for maintaining entryways, pathways, and other common areas.

Courtesy- Plot holders are expected to treat other gardeners, visitors, etc., with common courtesy. Anyone who is routinely disrespectful to others will be relieved of their gardening privileges.

Fertilizer- Chemical and/or organic fertilizers are permissible. (Miracle Grow, etc.)

Plots- All plots will be assigned by the Community Garden Board and the Horticulture Program Coordinator. Second plots may be offered depending on availability. You are responsible for weeding 6 feet around your plot, this includes the pathway.

Probation- Non-compliance with rules, not attending workdays and other serious situations may result in the plot holder being placed on probation or the loss of gardening privileges.

Restrictions- (1) Pets are not allowed within the Community Garden site. (2) Growing illegal or poisonous plants are prohibited. (3) Smoking, tobacco or nicotine products are prohibited within the Garden site. Alcohol and illegal drugs are also prohibited.

Security- Please help maintain garden security by checking all gates and shed locks when leaving.

Toilet- The toilet will be kept clean at all times. Contact the University of Wyoming Extension Office, 682-7281, if necessary.

Vandalism- Protection against theft or vandalism cannot be guaranteed. Any theft or vandalism should be reported as quickly as possible to the University of Wyoming Extension Office or the Gillette Police Department. Stealing or deliberate damage of produce is particularly serious.

Waste- Disease-carrying plants (tomato, potato, eggplant, etc.) and non-organic waste (plant stakes, plastic containers, etc.) are to be placed in the trash receptacle, located in front of the college maintenance building.

Compost- Approved disease & insect free organic waste only. No Weeds.

Water- **You must turn off the hydrant when you are done watering!** The pressure on the hose can cause it to split. **Running water shall not be left unattended.** Gardeners shall be courteous of other gardeners' watering needs. Drip system watering is allowed but must not be left unattended when water is on.

Sheds- Keep sheds clean and store all tools inside. Doors must either stay locked or strapped to the outside when in use.

LACK OF ADHERENCE TO THESE RULES CAN RESULT IN A GARDENER BEING PLACED ON PROBATION OR DENIED A PLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING GROWING SEASON.

Any questions, suggestions or problems, should be reported to: University of Wyoming Extension Office at 682-7281.

The University's policy has been, and will continue to be, one of nondiscrimination, offering equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without regard to such matters as race, sex, gender, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic information, political belief, or other status protected by state and federal statutes or University Regulations.

**APPROVED PEST CONTROL
FOR THE PRAIRIE COMMUNITY GARDEN
Non-toxic to humans and animals**

To protect the health of the gardeners, the Prairie Community Garden is pesticide-free. Absolutely no insecticides, fungicides or herbicides allowed.

If you have a question about a particular insect or disease that is not discussed below, please call the Extension Office at 682-7281.

INSECT CONTROL:

- *If the control you want to use has the wording "OMRI" located on it, it is a safe organic control.
- *Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) var. *Kurstaki*, [ie. Thurcide, Dipel] – for control of cabbageworm, corn earworm, tomato hornworm, parsley caterpillar and cutworm (any caterpillar or worm from butterfly or moth adult)
- *Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*) var. *san diego* – for control of Colorado potato beetle
- *Insecticidal soaps, [ie. Safers] – for control of most soft-bodied insects such as aphids, immature squashbugs, leafhoppers, thrips, whiteflies, spidermites and limited control of earwigs.
- *Ultra-fine horticulture oil spray [ie. SunSpray, Eco-Oil] NOT DORMANT OIL – Controls aphids, mites, beetle larvae, leafminers, leafhoppers, thrips, whiteflies and some caterpillars (do not spray when temperatures are over 90 or when plants are thirsty)
- *Diatomaceous earth – for control of slugs, cutworms, squash vine borer, ants and other soft-bodied insects
- *Sticky traps [ie. Tanglefoot] – yellow cards, with a sticky coating of Tanglefoot spread on them and placed horizontally in garden, control whiteflies, fungus gnats, aphids, leafhoppers and other small flying or jumping insects.
- *Beer traps – shallow containers set in level with the surface of the soil and filled with beer or a yeast, sugar and water combination attract slugs. May also be effective at attracting earwigs.
- *Row covers / insect barriers [ie. Remay] – lightweight spun polypropylene fabric that allows light and moisture to penetrate but protects plants from flying, egg-laying adult insects such as cabbageworm moths, Mexican bean beetles, Colorado potato beetles and flea beetles.

DISEASE CONTROL:

- *Immediate removal of diseased plants from garden to **trash - NOT COMPOST**
- *Spray plants with compost tea (compost soaked in water with resulting liquid drained off and watered down to light tea color)

WEED CONTROL:

- *Pulling out by the root or hoeing – before the weeds go to seed and before the roots get large and woody
- *Smothering – black plastic, layers of newspapers, grass clippings, wood chips, cardboard. Plastic and paper will need to be pinned down or heavily covered with grass clippings to keep from blowing.

FERTILIZERS:

- *Chemical liquid or granular fertilizers may be used if carefully kept within the boundary of one's own plot and apply according to label instructions.