



<i>Office use:</i>
Garden: _____
Plot: _____

**2015 First Avenue
Anoka, MN 55303**

ANOKA GARDENS CONTRACT

The City of Anoka sponsors this program to promote and foster community connection between residents. We hope that you take this opportunity to share your personal gardening knowledge and experience with your fellow gardeners. This project is not only an attempt to provide an opportunity for our residents to plant and grow crops and vegetation, but is also an opportunity for our residents to cultivate and grow friendships and awareness of your City's diversity and the culture of your neighbors.

Between the City of Anoka, Minnesota and:

Name

_____, ANOKA MN 55303
Street Address (must be a resident of the City of Anoka)

By signing this agreement, I agree to the following:

1. I will have something planted in my garden plot by June 1st of this year and will keep it planted all summer long, supplying my own seeds/plants and necessary gardening tools.
2. If I must abandon my garden plot for any reason, I will notify the Anoka Administration Department immediately. Failure to do so will result in me not being permitted to participate in the Community Gardens program in the future.
3. I will keep my garden plot maintained and free of weeds, throughout the entire season.
4. I will keep all trash and litter cleaned from my garden plot area, as well as from adjacent pathways, fences, etc.
5. If my plot becomes unkempt based upon the City of Anoka's investigation, I understand that I will be given ten (10) days' notice to clean it up. If it is not done within that timeframe, the City of Anoka will re-assign the plot, with or without existing vegetation, or it will be tilled in. This action will preclude me from participating in the Community Gardens project for the following year. There will be no reimbursement given to me if the City proceeds with said action.

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6. I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots or private property.
7. I will be responsible for harvesting my own crops and shall do so based on the maturity and growth of the crop.
8. I will not bring pets to the community garden area and will limit other human assistance, so as to not disrupt the neighboring gardeners, gardens or private property surrounding the community gardens project area. I am responsible for the actions of any guest(s) that I invite to my garden plot.
9. I will be responsible for getting prior approval and/or permission from the Anoka Administration Department on the following:
 - a. Type of fencing used if gardener chooses to use a fence.
 - All fencing must be aesthetically appropriate for the garden area and neighboring properties.
 - Types of fencing allowed: chicken wire/rabbit and deer fencing.
 - Type of fencing prohibited: barbed wire/electrical/orange snow fencing/permanent structures/brick.
 - Any concerns or questions about a type of fencing not listed will need approval from the Anoka Administration Department.
 - If I construct a City-approved fence around my garden plot, I understand that I am responsible for maintaining the plot separation area around the entire perimeter of my garden plot. If I fail to maintain the separation perimeter of my plot, I understand that the City may order the immediate removal of any/all fencing that surrounds my plot.
 - b. Fertilizers/insecticides/weedkillers/repellants:
 - The wish of the original garden participants of the Community Gardens project was that the gardens were to be organic in nature.
 - The use of products similar to MiracleGro and environmentally safe insecticides/weedkillers/repellants are allowed, use of other products that may be harmful to the environment, soil or surrounding plots may not be used. If in question, the gardener should contact Anoka City Administration for approval prior to use.
10. End of harvest issues:
 - a. I understand that I must remove all fencing and fencing materials of which I have installed surrounding my garden plot by October 15th of this year, unless I have received permission from the City to extend my gardening season, at which I agree to remove the fencing by the time specified by City staff when the gardening extension has been granted.

- b. I understand that I must harvest and completely clear my plot area of any vegetation, alive or dead, by October 15th of this year, unless I have received permission from the City to retain the garden for a late harvesting of crops.
- c. I understand that if I choose to extend my gardening season past the fall tilling date established by the City, which will vary year-to-year based on weather conditions, that my extension may result in the loss of a fall tilling of my plot.
11. Any tools or materials used in the planting or maintenance of my plot can be left inside my plot. I do this at my own risk.
12. I understand that the City of Anoka will provide two seasonal tilling's of the garden plots, one in the spring and one in the fall. I further understand that I may not work the soil, nor begin planting until after the spring tilling conducted by the City has occurred and I have received notification from the City that gardening may commence.
13. I will plant only annuals in my garden plot.
14. I understand that I am responsible for watering my own vegetation. Water will be supplied through a watering spigot located near the community gardens project area. Water should be transported from the spigot to my garden plot by use of a bucket(s). However, a garden hose may be used as long as all four corners of my plot are staked, and that I will not allow the hose to intrude on another garden. I understand that the use of a garden hose or sprinkler is for the purpose of watering vegetation only and will not be used to control insects or other pests. I understand that my use of a garden hose or sprinkler may not intrude on other gardens, allow water to run into other gardens or flood my own garden, other gardens or the pathways between gardens.
15. I agree to tend to my garden plot in a manner that is not disruptive or disrespectful to a neighboring gardener or the neighboring private properties. The consumption of alcohol in the community gardens is strictly prohibited.
16. I agree that I will be the main caretaker of my garden and will solicit only assistance from others as needed and by no means will turn my garden over for sole maintenance and harvest to another individual, unless in the case of an emergency situation; whereby I will obtain prior permission from City staff.
17. I understand that multiple or concurrent violations of this agreement may result in my permanent preclusion of participating in the Community Gardens Project, as determined by City staff.

ANOKA COMMUNITY GARDENS 2022 INFORMATION & SIGNATURE PAGE

Please complete this form and return to City Hall with your \$25.00 payment

Checks should be written to: City of Anoka

RETURN COMPLETED WITH PAYMENT ASAP

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER (including area code):	
ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER (including area code):	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
GARDEN LOCATION (Friendship or Harmony)	PLOT #:

I plan to fence my garden plot: No Yes If yes, provide details below.

DIMENSIONS OF FENCE:
FENCE MATERIALS:

The fencing details must be provided annually

I fully understand that the City of Anoka is not responsible for my actions or the acts of nature. I therefore agree to hold harmless and indemnify the City of Anoka for any liability, damage, injury, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of a garden plot by me or any of my guests, or by any acts of nature that may affect my garden.

Signature: _____

Date: _____