

# Deer River Community Garden

## 2023 Application/Agreement



The Garden is located at 120 6<sup>th</sup> Ave NW Deer River, MN 56636; behind White Oak Inn and next to the skating rink. Garden coordination is managed through Get Fit Itasca at the YMCA, 400 River Road, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. For more information visit [www.getfititasca.org/deer-river-community-garden](http://www.getfititasca.org/deer-river-community-garden), or contact Get Fit Itasca at 218-327-8814.

**To apply for a plot, complete the form on page 2 and return it, with payment, to Get Fit Itasca at the YMCA by Monday, May 1st.** Plot assignments will be made, and we'll let you know when the garden is ready to be planted.

### **The Community Garden will provide the following:**

- ✓ 8'x10' Garden plot(s) tilled and prepared to grow produce and/or flowers for harvest by plot holders
- ✓ A limited number of 4' x 8' raised garden beds are available
- ✓ Access to water for individual plots
- ✓ Access to general garden tools such as shovels, rakes, garden trugs
- ✓ Compost area for disposal of garden waste
- ✓ A fence around the garden to keep deer and other pests out
- ✓ Educational resources to assist new gardeners

### **If accepted as a community gardener, I will abide by the following Rules, Terms, and Conditions:**

1. I understand there is a garden use fee of \$10 for the season, for any number of plots.
2. I will keep my contact information current and up-to-date with the Garden Coordinator so I will receive messages and information about the Garden throughout the growing season.
3. I will plant something in my garden plot by June 11 and will clear my plot by October 8.
4. I will not leave my plot unmaintained for any period of time exceeding one week without making arrangements for its care, or notifying the Garden Coordinator.
5. Maintenance of my garden plot is my responsibility. I will plant in a manner that does not inhibit the plots around me, water when needed, remove weeds promptly, control disease or insect infestations, control vines from spreading into other plots, properly remove contaminated plants, and harvest produce in a timely manner.
6. **Approved [by the garden coordinator]** fertilizers, insecticides, or weed killers may only be used in a way that will not affect other plots. Please try to keep any chemical use to a minimum.
7. I understand that the garden may have been treated with pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers in the past.
8. I will not grow illegal plants in the garden; nor smoke, drink alcoholic beverages or use illegal drugs at the garden site.
9. I will keep trash and litter cleaned from the garden, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
10. All tools supplied by the Community Garden that are borrowed must be returned and secured in the storage area provided. I will respect the Garden's property and assets, use equipment and tools owned in common responsibly and treat them with care.
11. I will be respectful of other gardeners; not enter, remove, or harvest others' crops or items unless given permission by another plot user.
12. I will not sell my produce on the premises.
13. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
14. I understand and willingly accept the inherent risks in gardening. I understand that use and misuse of gardening tools may result in injury. I am aware that soil and food-borne diseases, though rare, may be contracted through gardening or consuming undercooked food.

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15. I understand that, as a participant in the Community Garden, I am a guest and that my privileges may be revoked in the event that I fail to comply with the terms of this Agreement. The following procedure will be initiated in the event of failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement:
- The Garden Coordinator will issue a warning.
  - If no response or correction has been made within fourteen days of the warning, the Garden Coordinator will issue a final written notification indicating that gardening privileges and the plot(s) have been forfeited.
  - Application for another garden plot(s) may only be submitted after one year and reassignment will be at the discretion of the Garden Coordinator.
16. I understand, acknowledge and agree that I am solely responsible for my actions and conduct, and the actions and conduct of my family members and guests, while in the Community Garden and that none of the entities associated with the Community Garden nor any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, lessors, affiliated companies or foundations have any liability to me or my guests for losses, damages, or costs incurred as a result of participation in, or entry onto the premises of the Community Garden, and I waive and release the aforementioned parties from any claims that I may have, whether based on tort, contract or otherwise, resulting there from.

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*I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for participation in the Deer River Community Garden.*

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a **phone number or e-mail address** below. We use the Remind app to text gardeners on their cell phone; if you do not have texting capabilities, we will email you through the Remind system. This will allow the Garden Coordinator to announce events, garden news, and to contact you as needed throughout the gardening season.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle one) Cell Home Work

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if number or email is already connected to DR Community Garden group on Remind

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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How many 8' x 10' plots would you like to use this year? 1 2 3 \_\_\_\_\_ [Fee: \$10 for any number of plots]

Check here if you would like a raised garden bed as part of your plots.

Check here if you would like to request financial assistance.

**Please return completed Application/Agreement and \$10 garden fee to:**

**Get Fit Itasca, Attn: DR Community Garden, 400 River Rd, Grand Rapids, MN 55744**

**Plots are assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Only 5 raised garden beds are available.**

**Cash or check preferred (make checks payable to Get Fit Itasca)**