

2024 APPLICATION



Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home _____ Cell _____

Email or email buddy: _____

Opening Day - April 15, 2024
End of season - November 15, 2024

I am at least 18 years of age. (If under 18, please have an adult sponsor sign with you.)

I understand that the cost of a 20'x25' plot in the Uxbridge Community Gardens is \$25 per season, payable with my application. (I may request a waiver of this fee, in writing, if the payment constitutes a hardship for me.)

I have read and will comply with the *Ground Rules*, which are a part of this application. I have read and signed the *Release* that must accompany this application and agree to abide by its terms.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

_____ If possible, I would like a garden plot next to (name) _____

Applications must be received by March 1, 2024. Check or money order (no cash) for \$25 payable to Uxbridge Community Gardens and mailed with your completed application **and signed Release** to *Uxbridge Community Gardens, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569*. Applications may also be dropped off at the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall.

Your application MUST be accompanied by a signed Release Form



Release of All Claims

I, _____, am a participant in the Uxbridge Community Gardens. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Uxbridge Community Gardens, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Uxbridge Community Gardens and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Uxbridge Community Gardens, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the garden coordinator and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Uxbridge Community Gardens, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the Uxbridge Community Gardens Committee, the Uxbridge Community Garden Coordinator, volunteers, other gardeners, and the town of Uxbridge from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature

Printed Name _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Printed Name _____

Date _____



Ground Rules

The gardens are organic. I will use no chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides and will comply with the Uxbridge Community Gardens Organic Gardening Guidelines (posted on town website)

My plot will be planted no later than **June 15** or my garden will be considered abandoned and may be reassigned to another gardener.

I will not use my garden for commercial purposes. I will weed and harvest regularly. If my plot becomes unkempt it may be reassigned and my fee will not be refunded.

I will not plant marijuana, **invasive plants** or tall plants that may shade the gardens of others.

I will **not use** pressure treated wood in my garden. (Pre-2022 use is grandfathered plots 41,56, 57).

I will not build any permanent structures (raised beds are acceptable) and **will not use black plastic** in my garden as a weed block. Fabric weed blocks, newspaper and cardboard with wood chips, grass clippings or other compostable coverings on top may be used. Please do not use metal pins to hold fabric as these get left behind and get caught in tillers or stepped on.

I will not bring items into my garden that are not garden related (grills, concrete etc) and will remove all when I give up my garden.

If I choose to use a fence, I will **only use standard wire fencing – no colored or plastic snow fencing and no double fencing.** I will **keep my fence weed free** as a courtesy to my neighbors and to make mowing easier. **If my fence is not kept weed free, the UCG Board will give me a warning to weed it and if not weeded within two weeks, my fence will be removed.**

I will harvest only my own crops unless given permission by another garden member.

If I use any items from the garden shed, I will return them prior to leaving the gardens that day.

I will **remove all trash** and non-compostable refuse from my garden each time I leave.

All dead plants, weeds and garden equipment will be removed from my plot by the end-of-season date. If I fail to do this, I will forfeit my garden and will not be guaranteed a garden for the next season. If I abandon my plot without cleaning it up, I will not be able to reapply for a plot.

*I may forfeit my plot before **May 15** for a full refund of my fee.*

I will participate in at least one garden workday each season.

There is no smoking or drinking at the gardens. **Dogs must be leashed.**
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