



## 2017 Application for a Plot in the Brighton Community Garden

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Brighton resident? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 participant? \_\_\_\_\_

A fee for the use of a 10' x 10' plot is \$25 for the 2017 growing season. Please include a check, made payable to the **Brighton Recreation**, with your application.

All participants are asked to join a work team, with an anticipated work requirement of approximately four hours over the course of the season. Please indicate your first and second choices from the following teams. We will notify participants of team assignments before the opening of the season.

Compost     Entry Garden     Brighton Food Cupboard     Fence/Perimeter     Abandoned Plot Recovery

### Agreement

I have read the Brighton Community Garden Rules on the following page. If I am assigned a plot for the 2017 season, I agree to abide by the Rules. I hereby release the Town of Brighton, its officers, agents, and employees from any and all damages and claims sustained by reason of the use of said property. I agree to prevent damage to the property and to indemnify and save harmless the Town of Brighton and its officers, agents and employees from all loss, cost, damages or expense to persons or property resulting in whole or in part from this Agreement or any act or omission in connection with my use of the property hereunder.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please send a check, made payable to the Brighton Recreation, with your completed application to:  
Brighton Recreation and Parks Dept.  
220 Idlewood Rd.  
Rochester, NY 14618.  
Checks Payable to: **Brighton Recreation**

Applications should be submitted by **March 24**. Plot assignments for new participants will be made as available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Any questions? Contact: [brightoncommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:brightoncommunitygarden@gmail.com)

## Brighton Community Garden Rules

### Mission Statement

The Town of Brighton has established a community garden at Buckland Park to foster sustainability by providing residents of the community with an opportunity to grow their own organic, local food. The community garden serves to connect the community to the Town's historical agricultural past, improve access to healthy local foods, and provide educational outreach to the community on sustainable gardening practices.

### Care for Individual Plots

A beautiful and healthy community garden is a patchwork of well-maintained, carefully tended individual plots, stitched together with community engagement. To assure the overall success and beauty of the Brighton Community Garden, it is expected that gardeners will agree to the following guidelines:

- You may begin working in your plot as soon as you receive your plot assignment. Cultivation and planting of individual plots should begin no later than June 15; plots that have not been cultivated by that date may be reassigned.
- Gardeners will care for the garden by keeping their plot and adjacent pathways clean and free of weeds or trash. Plots will be well-maintained and actively tended.
- In keeping with the goal of the garden to promote local, healthy, sustainable food production, **only organic methods of gardening may be used. Synthetic chemical fertilizers, herbicides, and/or pesticides are strictly prohibited.**
- To prepare the garden for winter, plots will be cleaned and cleared of all spent plant material by November 15.
- Gardeners will bring their own tools; tool storage for private use will not be available at the garden.

### Care for the Community Garden

The efforts of the community of gardeners will assure the beauty and success of the garden as a whole. The following guidelines will help make this possible:

- All gardeners will keep their plots and adjoining paths free of weeds, litter, and trash.
- All gardeners will commit to helping maintain the common areas.
  - Work teams for the 2017 growing season will be formed for maintenance of the following garden areas: compost pile, entry garden, Brighton Food Cupboard plot, fence/perimeter, and abandoned plot recovery
  - All garden participants will be expected to join a work team and contribute time and effort toward the garden's upkeep.
  - It is expected that the time requirement will be approximately four hours over the season.
- All gardeners will be treated with respect by their fellow gardeners. Participants will pick crops only from their own plots. Tall plants should not be planted to shade neighboring plots.
- A common compost area will be available for plant debris from the garden; it is requested that no other materials be added to the compost.
- Children are encouraged to participate in the garden under supervision. Pets should not be brought into the garden.

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**If a gardener's plot is not maintained according to the guidelines, the gardener will be asked to correct the maintenance issue within two weeks. If corrective action is not taken, the plot will be reassigned to another gardener. In that event, the fee will not be returned.**