

2024 North Ridgeville Community Garden Application

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell ____ Home ____

Email _____

The North Ridgeville Community Garden is open to all North Ridgeville residents. Applications for plots will be accepted from Monday, April 15th to Friday, May 10th. The fee is \$20 for a 20 foot x 15 foot plot.

Returning Gardeners	New Gardeners
<p>_____ same plot as 2023 = 1 (one) plot <i>(NOTE: attach a check for \$20)</i></p>	<p>_____ NEW gardener = 1 (one) plot <i>(NOTE: attach a check for \$20)</i></p>
<p>_____ same plots as 2023 = 2 (two) plots <i>(NOTE: If you had 2 plots last year, attach a check for \$40.)</i></p>	<p>_____ NEW gardener = 2 (two) plots <i>(NOTE: If you are requesting 2 new plots, please attach 2 checks for \$20 each. If the 2nd plot is available, you will be notified.)</i></p>
<p>_____ same plot as 2023 + 1 new plot = 1 (one) plot plus 1 (one) additional plot (if available) <i>(NOTE: If you are requesting a new 2nd plot, please attach 2 checks for \$20 each. If an additional plot is available, you will be notified.)</i></p>	

Please make checks payable to: **North Ridgeville Community Garden**

Starting April 15th applications with checks should be dropped off at:

North Ridgeville Mayor's Office (City Hall)
 7307 Avon Belden Road
 North Ridgeville, OH 44039

For additional information, contact **Bob Marquis, Manager at 440 864-2939**.

I agree to abide by the attached Guidelines established by the management of the North Ridgeville Community Garden.

Signature

Date

2024 North Ridgeville Community Garden Guidelines

The most important rule of the North Ridgeville Community Garden is to recognize that it is a community and respect for all involved is important. The garden is open to all residents living in North Ridgeville. Please notify a garden representative of any problems needing their attention and the necessary action will be taken.

1. **Volunteers** are needed at the beginning and the ending of the growing season to help with: Spring cleanup, garden plot layout, wood chip/mulch distribution, Fall cleanup and the Fall picnic setup. Anything you add to your plot must be removed in the Fall so the field is ready to be plowed again in the Spring. *Examples: tomato cages, stakes, weed block, etc. Note: If you put down weed block, it has to be taken up so the farmer can plow the field in the Spring. It also has to be removed from the garden property because there is no city garbage pickup at the garden.*
2. **Parking** is available at both the east and west ends of the garden. Please do not park along Chestnut Ridge Road per the request of the North Ridgeville Police Department.
3. Keep **weeds** under control in your plot and help maintain any walking areas immediately surrounding your plot and pathways. There is a trash can at the west end of the garden for any kind of small trash items and the green trash can at the east end is for recycled items only. **ORGANIC MATERIAL ONLY** can be added to the compost pile at the east end. Do not walk, drive or throw waste items on the adjacent farmer's soybean field.
4. **Hoses** with connected sprayers are available at multiple locations throughout the garden. If you're the first to arrive in the morning, please turn the main spigot on (*located at the east end of the garden*) to feed all the hoses. **If you're the last to leave for the evening, please turn off the main spigot.**
5. There are **tools** along the north side of the garden for anyone to use in their plot. Please return them when you are finished for the day. Please do not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellants that will in any way affect other plots. (*No Seven but Neem can be used*) Do not plant corn in your plot or taller growing plants in a manner that casts shade on a neighboring plot.
6. **Fences**, hanging plastic bags and caution tape are prohibited. Pets are not permitted in the garden area.
7. The **walkways** between plots will be mowed regularly by garden representatives. Please do not plant anything in these walkways.
8. Please only pick items from your plot unless another gardener gives you permission to pick from their plot. Any **surplus crops** can be donated to the North Ridgeville Community Care. A labeled bin is available near the west end parking area.
9. If you must **abandon** your plot for any reason, please notify a garden representative ASAP. If any garden plot is idle for two weeks, it will be assumed it has been abandoned and the plot will be cleared.
10. All **alcoholic beverages** are prohibited on city property.

Garden Representatives: **Bob Marquis, Manager 440 864-2939** **Wayne Habel, Treasurer**
 John Brown, Asst Manager 440 759-9613 **Major Stone, Garden Advisor**
 Terri Marquis, Secretary 440 371-1775

The City of North Ridgeville, the Pioneer Ridge Homeowners' Association, the private owners of the garden property and the garden's volunteer representatives are not responsible for your actions at the garden. By participating in the community garden, you hold harmless the City of North Ridgeville, the Pioneer Ridge Homeowners' Association, the private owners of the garden property and the garden's volunteer representatives for any loss, liability, damage or other claims that occur in connection with your use (or your guest's use) of the garden.