

## FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HERITAGE SOCIETY-COMMUNITY GARDEN

189B WEMROCK ROAD, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

“PRESERVING THE PAST TO ENSURE THE FUTURE”

### COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION

MISSION STATEMENT-TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD AND LEARN WHERE IT COMES FROM

### GARDEN SEASON-MEMBERSHIP RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. I understand that it is the responsibility of each gardener to follow the Community Garden Rules and take an active role in the responsibilities of the garden. New gardeners are required to attend the Annual Spring Orientation Meeting (TBA), at the Oakley Farmhouse and to participate in the maintenance of both their garden plot and the common areas of the Community Garden. Applicants will be notified of their plot numbers and receive a **schedule of required workdays** at this meeting.
2. Garden plots are assigned on a first come/first serve basis and are not transferrable.
3. I agree to plant and tend to my plot by June 1 of the current year. If not I understand that my plot will be considered forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list.
4. I will supply my own tools, seeds and plants.
5. I understand that the following crops are not allowed: CORN, SUNFLOWERS, INVASIVE PLANTS SUCH AS MINT, ETC. Growing structures such as trellises or cages cannot be over 5’ tall. No crop shall shade a neighboring garden. Perennial plants/herbs are not permitted in individual plots (i.e. strawberries, oregano) a list of perennial plants will be available to gardeners.
6. I agree to be a steward of my plot and plant a variety of crops each year. I understand that planting single crops such as only tomatoes or potatoes severely depletes the soil of vital nutrients and is therefore not permitted.
7. I will maintain my garden plot on a regular basis, including planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. I know that I am also responsible for weeding those paths that are adjacent to my plot.
8. I will not harvest from anyone else’s plot unless given permission by the plot owner to do so.
9. I will use only OMR (Organic Materials Review Institute) approved products for pest and weed control in my plot. See complete list available at [omri.org](http://omri.org). Fertilizers must be labeled ORGANIC. Any treatment of plants for pests or disease must be discussed and approved by the Coordinators before any application is done.
10. I will turn off all water faucets, hose sprayers and main water valve(s) after each use, as well as coil all hoses neatly onto the posts(s) provided. I will not drag hoses through any other gardeners’ plot.
11. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given 2 weeks notice by email to clean it up. I further understand that failure to clean up the plot within 2 weeks may result in forfeiture of my plot. At that time, my plot may be re-assigned or tilled over and any produce donated to charity.
12. I will remove any diseased, rotten or infected plants immediately so as not to affect the other gardeners plants.

13. I will remove ALL plant material including weeds, as well as any decorative objects or structures and bring it back to its original state by October 31 or date designated by coordinators.
14. I am responsible for all trash and garden debris removal.
15. I agree to contribute volunteer hours toward community gardening efforts as needed and I agree to participate in mandatory scheduled workdays in Spring and Fall as indicated in the Garden Schedule.
16. I agree that ALL visitors to the garden including guests, relatives, friends, volunteers or small children must be accompanied by a registered gardener at all times. No pets are permitted in the garden.
17. I understand that the combination to the gate lock is for gardener access only and should not be shared.
18. I will NOT consume alcoholic beverages or smoke anywhere on the Oakley Farm property or in the garden.
19. If I am the last gardener to leave the garden I will be responsible to secure the garden and lock the gate.
20. In the spirit of cooperation, all gardeners shall treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbors and visitors with respect.
21. IF I FAIL TO FOLLOW ANY OF THE ABOVE GUIDELINES I UNDERSTAND THAT I MAY RISK FORFEITING MY GARDEN, LOSING MY SECURITY DEPOSIT AND I MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

OAKLEY FARM-COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION  
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Applications for current year will be accepted beginning October 20

Instructions: Mail only the completed application form to:  
OAKLEY FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN  
C/O FREEHOLD TWP. HERITAGE SOCIETY  
189B WEMROCK ROAD  
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

I agree to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE garden plot fee of \$35 for a full plot or a \$20 NON-REFUNDABLE fee for a half plot to garden at the OAKLEY FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN. In addition, I agree to pay a \$20 security deposit. In understand this security deposit will be runnable only at the end of the garden season upon satisfactory cleanup of my garden plot.

These fees are due with this application in the form of check or money order (no cash) made payable to 'FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HERITAGE SOCIETY'. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

APPLICANT NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CO-APPLICANT NAME (print) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I (applicant/co applicant) agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations for the Oakley Farm Community Garden as provided. I understand that failure to do so may result in forfeiture of my plot, this permit and forfeiture of all fees. The applicant/co-applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Freehold Township Heritage Society, Freehold Township their employees, officials and volunteers thereof, for, from and against, any and all claims of any type or kind against the Society, The Township, or any of their bodies or agencies in any way relating to the community garden, including, but not limited to any and all claims for personal injury and property damage. This indemnity includes the costs incurred in defense of any such claim, whether or not such claim results in litigation and the reimbursement or payment of any and all moneys paid or incurred to such claimant, whether as a result of a judgment or settlement of such claim

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CO-APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FEES: SELECT ONLY 1 PLOT PER HOUSEHOLD

\$35 FULL PLOT (4'X20') \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 HALF PLOT (4'X10') \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (includes raised beds)

\$30 SECURITY DEPOSIT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NEW GARDENERS ONLY

TOTAL FEE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO 'FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP HERITAGE SOCIETY'—ALL APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON JUNE OF CURRENT YEAR

OFFICE USE ONLY\*

PLOT ASSIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ SECURITY DEPOSIT RETURN ON (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ SECURITY DEPOSIT ROLLED OVER \_\_\_\_\_