**Bloomsburg Community Garden – 2025**

**Gardener’s Agreement**

**OBTAINING A PLOT**

* I will promptly pay the requested gardening fee to the Town of Bloomsburg to reserve my plot. A $40 fee will be charged for checks returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF).
* Fees to secure a gardening plot: Small (10’ x 12’) - $15;

Medium (12’ x 20’) - $20; Large (20’ x 24’) - $25; Extra Large (20’ x 48’) - $40.

* Laura Davis will be assigning plots at the Bloomsburg Community Garden.

**SET-UP AND MAINTENANCE OF PLOTS**

* If I use fencing, I will keep it neat and below 4 feet in height.
* I am responsible for the appearance of my garden plot. I will maintain and weed my garden throughout the full gardening season.
* I will remove all trash/litter from my plot, my fence-line, and the adjacent pathways.
* If my plot is left untended, I understand I will be given notice to clean it up. If it is still unkempt after one week, I understand that it may be reassigned or tilled in and planted with a cover crop.
* If I have to abandon my plot, I will notify Town Hall.
* I will sign up for two hours of volunteer maintenance workto do my part to help the garden run smoothly. I will also participate in the fall clean-up of the garden.

**GARDENING AND WATERING PRACTICES**

* If planting tall crops, I will utilize structures (trellises, etc.) so that they do not shade my neighbors’ plots.
* I will not use chemical insecticides or herbicides (*organic and sustainable growing techniques only.)* NO CHEMICAL INSECTICIDE OR HERBCIDE MAY BE USED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE TOWN OF BLOOMSBURG.
* I will harvest crops when mature. I will remove rotting produce and dead/dying plants. *Rotting produce presents problems for neighboring gardeners.*
* I understand composting is encouraged, but only that which is organic will decompose, e.g. plant material.
* I will conserve water and use the Garden water supply only when necessary.
* I will not use a sprinkler. *However, hand-held nozzles are encouraged.*
* I understand that mulching helps conserve water.
* I will be present when watering my plot, and I will turn off the water and put away hoses when I am finished. I will notify Town Hall regarding any leaks.
* **I will secure the chain and lock on the pump upon completion of watering.**

**ADDITIONAL MATTERS**

* I will park in the designated area *(at the hedgerow to the left of the compost bins; if that area is full, then facing the road, to the left of the hydrant)* except for the loading and unloading of heavy equipment.
* I will not bring pets to the garden.
* I will not harvest from other people’s gardens without their permission; I will be respectful of other people’s plots and neighboring properties.
* I will supervise all children I bring with me, and make certain they respect neighboring properties and all garden plots.
* If there is a problem with the water system or if any other issues arise, I will contact the Town Hall.

Please coordinate the plot fee and Gardener’s Agreement form with Laura Davis prior to submitting payment. Any plot fee submitted prior to plot confirmation will not be guaranteed.

Preferred contact is e-mail: bloomcommunitygarden@gmail.com

Town Hall phone number: (570) 784-7123.

 Please make checks payable and send to :Town of Bloomsburg

 301 East Second Street

 Bloomsburg, PA 17815

**Gardener’s Agreement**

**I hereby agree to hold harmless the Town of Bloomsburg from any liability, damage, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with use of the Garden by me or any of my guests. The Town of Bloomsburg will be free of any and all liability from injury or acts of vandalism, destructive storms, insect infestations, or any other loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden. I have read the Bloomsburg Community Garden Gardener’s Agreement and agree to all bulleted points. I understand that breaking or disregarding these guidelines may result in the forfeiture of my fees and my garden privileges.**

**Print your name Signature Date**

**Address E-mail contact**

**Phone Number**

 **Plot size**

**Small (10’ x 12’) $15: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cash received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Medium (12’ x 20’) $20: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Large (20’ x 24’) $25: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Check number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Extra large (20’ x 48’) $40: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please indicate your plot below.**

