

# Community Harvest Garden Adopted Bed Application 2023



Return completed form to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 7393 Dimmick Rd., West Chester, OH 45069  
Questions? Contact us at [communityharvestCTK@gmail.com](mailto:communityharvestCTK@gmail.com)

Please print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Text: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check how  
you would like  
to receive  
information

Gardening Experience: Novice ←————→ Expert  
(rate yourself) 1 2 3 4 5

Would you like to have a Gardening Mentor? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

Why do you want to adopt your own garden bed? (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_ I want to learn how to grow vegetables.

\_\_\_\_ I want to save money on groceries.

\_\_\_\_ I do not have space for my own garden.

\_\_\_\_ I want to get physical exercise.

\_\_\_\_ I want to meet other people.

\_\_\_\_ I want to do something with my family/friends.

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any accessibility needs? \_\_\_\_ language \_\_\_\_ mobility \_\_\_\_ transportation

If so, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**All gardeners are required to complete an application form for a garden bed. A non-refundable bed fee of \$25 per year is due with the application.** (Make checks payable to “Christ the King Lutheran Church”.)

I would like to be considered for a grant to cover the cost of the bed fee. \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the General Garden and Adopted Bed Guidelines and will abide by all the garden rules. I understand that neither Christ the King Lutheran Church (CtK) nor the Community Harvest Garden are responsible for my actions. Therefore, I agree to hold blameless CtK and the Community Harvest Garden for any damage, liability, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with my use of the garden or CtK premises by me, my family, or my guests.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## General Garden Guidelines

1. Before beginning work in the garden, partners must attend informational sessions. These will be held at a variety of times.
2. The garden is open from dawn until dusk.
3. Spending time in the garden with your children is wonderful learning and togetherness time. Please supervise your children while in the garden and always keep them within sight.
4. Pets, drugs (including alcohol and tobacco), audible radios, and fires are not permitted in the garden.
5. This is an ORGANIC GARDEN SPACE
  - a. No fertilizer may be used that will have a detrimental effect on the garden.
  - b. No herbicides or pesticides may be used.
  - c. Compost is available to add organic material to the beds as a natural fertilizer.
6. Tool Use:
  - a. Garden carts/wheelbarrows are located by the compost center. You may use them as needed. **Please return them after use.**
  - b. Small hand tools such as trowels, scissors, vine ties, etc. are located in the small shed by the compost center. **Please return them after use.**
7. Pick up litter and throw it away in garbage by the edge of the Shared Harvest Bed. If the garbage can is full, please empty it in the trash dumpster.
8. Place weeds and dead plants onto the compost pile after cutting them six inches or smaller. Do not leave them in the paths.
  - a. If compostable material is heavily seeded, remove seed heads before composting and place in the garbage can.
  - b. Pull or hoe weeds found in common garden areas and walkways, as you are able.
9. Use common courtesy, be considerate of your gardening neighbors, and ENJOY your gardening experience.

## Adopted Bed Guidelines

1. Keep your bed and adjoining paths well-tended. Your bed is defined by corner cobbles. Your plants should be kept within boundaries.
2. Contact a garden leader if you will be unavailable to tend your garden bed for an extended period. If your bed appears to be untended for more than two weeks and you have not contacted a garden leader, you will be contacted, and you may forfeit your adopted bed.
3. Grow tall plants and vining or trailing plants on trellises where they will not interfere with your neighbors' beds.
4. Do not enter another gardener's bed without permission.
5. You may use your own tomato cages, tools, plant markers, etc. These items are to be taken home at the end of the growing season.
6. At the end of the growing season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (twine, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly, and the garden bed left neat and tidy. A cover crop will be sown over each bed at the end of the growing season to improve the soil for the following year.
  - a. Plant material and natural twine can be placed in the compost pile **after cutting pieces into six inches or less.**
  - b. Wood stakes can be stored for next year in the shed or placed in the woods to rot.
  - c. Metal and plastic items are to be thrown into a garbage can.
7. Guest gardeners are to attend at least one volunteer day each month.

**I have read and understand the General Garden and Adopted Bed Guidelines.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_