

# Town of Jay Community Garden & Plot Holder Agreement

Please complete page two of this agreement and mail or bring it to the Town of Jay Offices, 11 School Street, Au Sable Forks, NY 12912 along with the \$20.00 fee (checks may be made payable to the Town of Jay) The plots in the community garden will be awarded to persons on a first-come, first-served basis, so please act promptly.

The following guidelines are intended for the health and safety of all. Please read them carefully before filling in your agreement.

## **Plot holders agree to the following guidelines:**

1. Be responsible for upkeep of his/her plot and the area immediately surrounding it, including the pathway aisles.
2. Participate in community workdays.
3. Have something planted in his/her plot by the end of June, and keep it planted with produce, flowers or a cover crop all season long.
4. Notify the garden coordinators if the plot must be abandoned for any reason.
5. Plot holders may not plant crops or put in structures which block sunlight from other plots or intrude in any other way upon the space outside their own plots (no corn or tall sunflowers) - plants that creep or fall into the pathway should be trimmed or retrained to stay within your plot. If they interfere with pathways, the garden coordinators may trim or retrain them for you.
6. Plot holders may not pick crops on plots of other members unless given permission by that member.
7. Adhere to the principles of organic gardening (no synthetic fungicides, herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers). If in doubt ASK.
8. No pets in the plot area of the garden, please.
9. Community Garden properties, including tools, may not be removed from the property and must be rinsed before returning them to the shed.
10. Use water responsibly.
11. Each plot holder will keep plots properly harvested. If anyone has more than they can use please donate to the local food bank or notify the garden coordinators if you are unable to do so for whatever reason. If your plot becomes over grown and your over ripe crops go un-harvested a garden coordinator will take over your plot and harvest your produce for donation.
12. Each plot holder must remove and take home any refuse from the garden. There is no place for garbage.
13. Each plot holder must make sure he/she closes and locks the gate and has turned the water OFF before leaving the garden
14. There is a **\$20.00** fee for use of a garden plot
15. A plot holder who uses a particular plot the previous year will have the right to reuse that same plot provided the proper fees are paid by the annual deadline
16. Participation in the Community Garden is for personal food growing only. Plot holders may not grow food to sell.
17. Visit your plot often and get to know your fellow gardeners. Find ways to pitch in and help the garden coordinators in maintaining our wonderful gardens.

*Gardeners who do not adhere to these guidelines risk having their plots forfeited and risk the loss of future participation in the community garden. Please do your best. If you have a problem please let the garden coordinator know. Look for information in the shed on how to contact a coordinator.*

# Town of Jay Community Garden Plot Application

Plot Holder \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Plot Number Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Plot Holder Agreement and will follow the guidelines. I understand that the Town of Jay is not responsible for my actions, I therefore agree to hold harmless the Town of Jay and other Community Garden members for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or my guests

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_