

**Wigwam Community Gardens  
Rental Agreement 2021**

Name/Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rate your gardening knowledge:

1 Novice	2	3 Average	4	5 Master Gardener
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Are you interested in classes/workshops? If so, what topics would you like to see?

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Please indicate the number of beds you'd like to reserve.

You may reserve multiple beds in the same size or across multiple sizes. For those reserving multiple beds, an effort will be made to keep those beds together but is not guaranteed.

Bed Type	Rental Fee	# of Beds	Total Fee
4'x4' Raised Bed	\$34		
4'x6' Raised Bed	\$46		
4'x8' Raised Bed	\$58		
4'x12' Raised Bed	\$82		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Please mail completed forms with payment to:

Violet Township Fiscal Office  
Attn: Vanessa Niekamp  
10190 Blacklick Eastern Rd  
Pickerington, OH 43147

Checks should be made out to Violet Township

Plot assignments will be communicated via email prior to the first planting date.

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### **General Rules:**

1. The gardens will be available to renters from May 1 until October 31, 7 days a week during daytime hours
  - a. Front gates will be open Monday-Saturday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
  - b. Gardeners will be provided a gate code that may be used to access the gardens during daytime hours when front gates are closed
  - c. Gate codes may not be shared with others or used for any purpose besides accessing the garden during approved hours
2. Using alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or gambling is prohibited at the garden site
3. Pets must be on a leash or otherwise tethered. Please properly dispose of any pet waste.
4. Vehicles are prohibited from driving in grassy areas.
5. Guests and visitors must be accompanied by a gardener. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied and supervised at all times.
6. Due to the open nature of the garden, the organizers of the Wigwam Community Gardens, Violet Township, and the Wigwam are not responsible or liable for loss of supplies, tools or equipment. It is recommended that you do not leave your belongings in the garden.
7. If you witness or experience garden theft or vandalism, please contact the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department by calling 614-322-5250 and notify garden organizers at [WigwamCommunityGardens@gmail.com](mailto:WigwamCommunityGardens@gmail.com).

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1. Plot fees are due in full prior to the start of garden season
2. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded by a lottery system. Please notify a garden organizer if you have any special circumstances that should be considered when assigning plots. If a gardener is interested in renting multiple beds, an effort will be made to keep those beds together but it is not guaranteed.
3. Rental fees for the 2021 garden season are as follows:
  - a. 4'x4' Raised Bed - \$34
  - b. 4'x6' Raised Bed - \$46
  - c. 4'x8' Raised Bed - \$58
  - d. 4'x12' Raised Bed - \$82
4. Reduced fees, work-trades & scholarships are available; please contact the garden organizers for more information at [WigwamCommunityGardens@gmail.com](mailto:WigwamCommunityGardens@gmail.com).

### **Garden maintenance and upkeep:**

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Pathways around each garden plot must be kept clear to allow for mowing. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to maintain their plots during brief periods of absence.
2. Trees, spreading berry bushes and invasive species may not be planted in any garden plots. Invasive annuals, such as morning glory, or aggressive spreading perennials, including mint, bamboo, and ivy may not be planted in the garden plots.
3. Removable fencing, signage, and removable structures which further crop production such as low hoops, cold frames, or trellises may be erected at the gardeners expense, but no permanent structures are allowed. All structures must be removed at the end of the season.
4. Resources provided are for use at the Wigwam Community Gardens only. Soil, compost, and other materials are not to be removed from the premises.

5. Onsite water is available for use in personal garden plots. However, unattended sprinklers and hoses are prohibited. Water must be securely turned off after each use.
6. Personal garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the garden organizers if they are not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment and salvageable produce may be donated as part of our volunteer community efforts. If you decide to give up your plot during the season, please contact a garden organizer.
7. If a reserved plot has not been planted by June 15, fees will be forfeited and the plot will be offered to someone on the waiting list, or otherwise used for volunteer programs.
8. Wigwam Community Gardens is an organic garden. The use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or fungicides is strictly prohibited anywhere in the garden and is cause for immediate forfeiture of your personal plot. If you have questions on what is acceptable to use in your plot or need assistance identifying an effective alternative, please see a garden organizer.
9. Weeds and other compostable materials should be placed in the designated "Garden Waste" location. Other trash/waste should be placed in provided cans or disposed of off-site. Littering is strictly prohibited.
10. Gardeners may harvest items from their personal plots only. Plants must be grown within the plot boundaries and must not extend outside the plot. Anything beyond the plot is subject to mower damage. Gardeners are encouraged but not required to donate excess produce from their personal plots.
11. Gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and other items by October 30, leaving the plot as they found it in the spring. A plot may not be assigned the following year to those that do not comply with this rule.
12. Garden organizers are not responsible for damage or loss due to acts of nature or wildlife. Preventative measures are the responsibility of each gardener and must comply with our organic garden policy.

### **The Garden Library**

1. A Garden Library is available for gardeners to share items with the garden community.
  - a. Gardeners are encouraged to leave extra seeds, plants, and other supplies in the library for others to take.
  - b. Gardeners who take seeds, plants or supplies from the library are encouraged to pay it forward by leaving a different item, or by contributing to our volunteer community efforts.
  - c. Any tools left in the library are for community use on a first come, first serve basis. Library tools should not be removed from the premises. These tools may be used by any gardener at their own risk. The garden organizers, the Wigwam, and Violet Township are not responsible for the items shared in the Garden Library.

### **Volunteer opportunities and Community Events:**

1. Gardeners and other community members are encouraged, but not required to participate in our community volunteer efforts and other community events.
2. Volunteer opportunities may include building/development of gardens, planting/maintenance of volunteer areas, assisting with community events/activities, end of season clean-up, and more.
3. Community events may include educational workshops, social/family events, and more.
4. Participation in volunteer opportunities and community events are done at your own risk.
5. Items grown in the volunteer space will be used to support local organizations working to reduce food insecurity in our community. Items from volunteer plots may not be harvested for the personal use of gardeners, volunteers, or guests.

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**Wigwam Community Gardens: Release of All Claims**

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
am a participant in the Wigwam Community Gardens. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Wigwam Community Gardens, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have had any questions about the Wigwam Community Gardens, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted the garden organizers and discussed those questions to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Wigwam Community Gardens, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the Wigwam Community Gardens Organizers, volunteers, other gardeners, Violet Township, and The Wigwam, from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

3. I represent and certify that my true age is at least 18 years old. I have read this entire Release of Claims and Rules & Regulations, I fully understand them, and I agree to be legally bound by them.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_