

# THE SOUTH RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN

## Gardener Registration - 2020

Complete this form and mail to *The South River Community Garden, PO Box 601, South River NJ 08882*. You may include your payment or be billed later.

<b>Name</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Organization</b>	<input type="text"/>				
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>City</b>	<i>If other than SR</i>	<b>State</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Zip</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Preferred Phone</b>	<input type="text"/>		<b>Alternate Phone</b>	<input type="text"/>			
<b>Email</b>	<input type="text"/>						

### Gardener Experience & Plot Selection

**Who will be Gardening?**     Personal/family use     Organization **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_     Donated Plot

**Gardening Experience Level?**    *Beginner*    *Experienced*    *Expert*  
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**Plot Selection**  
*Forty-four (44) plots are available for the 2020 season. Plots will be assigned on first-come-first-served basis, once plot payment is received. To maximize gardener participation, up to two plots may be reserved at a time. Requests for more than 2 plots will be placed on a list for consideration once all single/double plot requests have been completed.*  
*Those requesting more than two plots, please check off "(2) Full-sized Plots (4' x 10') - \$60" and "Please contact me..."*

**(1) One Plot (4' x 10') - \$30**     **(2) Two Plots (4' x 10') - \$60**     **Please contact me if there are remaining plots. I wish to reserve more than two (2).**

**Reminder:** You will be responsible for weeding and maintaining your selected plot(s), INCLUDING THE SPACE WITHIN TWO FEET OF THE SURROUNDING PLOT PERIMETER. Plots (and surrounding areas) that are not maintained will be surrendered.

### Acknowledgements

Initial

I have read the Garden Rules & Regulations ("Rules of the Land: Garden Do's and Don'ts for a Happy Healthy Harvest") and agree to abide by the guidelines therein. I understand that if I fail to adhere to the Garden Rules & Regulations, I will forfeit my right to use the community garden space for the entire 2020 season.

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I understand that I will be responsible for weeding and maintaining my selected plot, including the 2 foot perimeter surrounding the plot. I also agree to prepare my plot for the 2020 season, and agree to clean out my plot for Winter 2020 on or before Saturday, November 7th 2020.

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I agree to commit to at least 4 hours per season dedicated to volunteer work. I also agree to attend clean-up events, whenever possible. I understand this time does not include my own plot maintenance.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH RIVER COMMUNITY GARDEN  

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## Rules of the Land:

### *Garden Do's and Don'ts for a Happy Healthy Harvest*

#### **Take only what you grow.**

Please don't take someone else's hard work. If your plants aren't yielding much vegetation, ask for help!

#### **Borrow responsibly & respectfully.**

Promptly return what you borrow. Tools and supplies have been GIFTED to us. Please treat them with care. Clean all tools before returning to the shed or to their owners. If you suspect you may be the last one to use common property...

- *Clean it up*
- *Tie it up*
- *Lock it up*

#### **Label your possessions.**

Garden stuff all looks alike. Write your name on everything to avoid confusion.

If you plan to store supplies in the shed, this is an absolute must. Unlabeled property found in the shed will be considered a donation to the borough.

#### **Your stuff. Your responsibility!**

Please be advised that the borough is not liable for theft of or damage to your supplies. When in doubt, take it all home on a daily basis.

#### **Keep the gate shut at all times.**

Critters will get in and eat your food. We all love critters. But we work hard for our food and would like a chance to eat it ourselves.

#### **No trellises or tall plants over 6' in centrally located plots.**

Tall trellises and extremely tall plants (like sunflowers and corn) obstruct the sun, which impede the growth of surrounding veggies. Tomato cages and trellises up to 6' tall are permitted. You may request a perimeter plot for taller plantings. These plots are usually the first to go. Request early!

#### **Tend to your plot.**

Neglected plots blemish the landscape and invite pests which affect the garden as a whole. Please commit to your garden by coming 2-3 times a week. If we are unable to contact you, plots left unattended for 2 weeks will be considered abandoned, returned to the borough, and offered to other gardeners. (There is no refund for abandoned plots.) You are also expected to be responsible for prepping your plot before and after the season. Plots must be cleared and covered by the first Saturday in November. If you're struggling or discouraged, ask for help!

#### **Harvest your food.**

We know that some of you garden for the joy of gardening, and don't necessarily plan to eat what you grow. If you would like others to harvest (and keep) your veggies, please leave a note in your bed or a post on Social Media. Leaving food to rot on the vine is a waste of food and also attracts pests. If you don't want your produce or can't make it to the garden to harvest, PLEASE alert other gardeners to avoid waste. We will happily keep it or donate it.

#### **Make friends with your *Gardeneighbors*.**

This is a COMMUNITY garden. Food is one of our goals. Friendship is another.

#### **...on the subject of friends...**

If you plan to go away on vacation, notify the *Gardenkeepers* and your *Gardeneighbors*. Ask someone to gardensit for you. If you intend to be away for more than 1 week between the months of May and September, please consider returning your plot to the borough to be offered to another gardener, as it may not survive your absence. Two consecutive weeks of neglect will be considered an abandoned plot.

#### **Communicate. Communicate. Communicate.**

Exchange phone numbers. Read emails. Check the communication board. Watch for updates on Social Media. Stay in the loop. Keep others informed.

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#### **Ask. Talk. Share.**

*Ask* for help. *Talk* to one another. *Share* your time, tools and talents.

#### **Watch for hazards.**

Garden supplies strewn on the ground. Hoses running across the garden. Metal tools heating up in the sun. Sharp or pointy objects. Sunburns. Dehydration. Bug bites and stings. If you see a hazard, **address it** and **alert others**. If you see or have a need, offer to - or ask for - help.

#### **Volunteering is a must.**

Among the many goals of this garden is to beautify and unify our community. In addition to maintaining your garden plot, you are required to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours per season, attend community cleanup events and participate in other garden team-building projects. We understand not everyone can attend everything, but you must assist with garden maintenance and help tackle garden projects as they arise. If your schedule or your physical limitations prevent you from participating, please communicate with garden leadership and arrangements can be made to ensure commitments are kept and everyone helps out! Attendance and volunteer hours will be logged. See Garden Leadership to make sure your hours and efforts are documented!

#### **Kill bugs. Not people.**

We are growing an organic garden. Did you know it is illegal to use pesticides on property you don't personally own? Plus, some bugs are actually *beneficial* to a garden. We don't want to eradicate the helpers. Our gardeners will adopt best management practices for pest control.

#### **Perennials and invaders are a No-No**

Perennials - plants that grow back every year- aren't permitted because they will encroach on the plot plans for next year's gardener.

Aggressive and/or invasive plants aren't permitted because they can kill or overwhelm the originating and surrounding plots.

Some common perennial, aggressive and invasive plants include:

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|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| - Artichokes (Globe) | - Horseradish | - Rhubarb      |
| - Asparagus          | - Kale        | - Sorrel       |
| - Berry Bushes       | - Mint        | - Strawberries |
| - Garlic             | - Radicchio   | - Watercress   |

There will be a garden section dedicated to growing desirable but aggressive or perennial vegetation.

**\*\*Please note that perennial herbs are to be potted before they can be added to your plot\*\***

If you're not sure whether your plants are acceptable, please speak with Garden Leadership first!

#### **This is a commitment.**

You will not be refunded for changing your mind or your plans. Additionally, breaking your commitments may result in future denial of garden participation.

#### **Grow.**

Food. Friendships. Just grow.

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### Hold Harmless Agreement – Assumption of Risk Waiver and Release

*I am fully aware of the fact that there are special dangers and risks inherent in gardening activities including but not limited to: risk of physical injury, death or other harmful consequences that may arise directly or indirectly to me from my participation. Being informed as to these risks and in consideration of being allowed to participate in this Borough of South River sponsored activity, I hereby assume all risks of injury, damage, liability and harm to myself and any individual or minor child that I may bring in to the Community Garden.*

*In addition, I am aware that I am fully responsible for the actions of anyone for whom I provide access to the garden for the purpose of visiting, or tending my designated plot. I realize that I am responsible for any injuries, damage or theft to property or supplies caused by such persons and will hold the Borough of South River harmless for myself or any of my visitors or surrogates.*

*I also hereby individually and on behalf of my heirs, executor and assigns release hold harmless the Borough of South River officials, employees, agents, volunteers, the Friends of the South River Community Garden Garden committee and Food Bank representatives and waive any right of recovery I might have to bring lawsuit against them for any personal injury, death, or other consequences that may occur as a result of the use of this facility by me or any of my guests.*

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Gardener Signature

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Date

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## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Description	Details
<b>February 17</b>	Plot Registration Begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pick up Registration Docs:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Public Library</li> <li>o Post Office</li> <li>o Municipal Building</li> <li>o Human Services Building</li> <li>o SR Recreation</li> </ul> </li> <li>o <b>Register Online</b></li> </ul>
<b>April 25</b>	Spring Cleanup	10AM - 2PM - <b>Mandatory</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanup</li> <li>• Mulching</li> <li>• Prepping &amp; Backfilling Plots</li> </ul>
<b>May 9</b>	Grand Opening Day & Garden Party	Bring a snack, your supplies and your seedlings
<b>June 12</b>	Family Movie Night	Causeway Park, Sunset Enjoy the family-friendly classic, "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" with family, friends & neighbors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring chairs and picnic blankets.</li> <li>• Concessions sold by <i>The Friends of the South River Community Garden</i></li> </ul>
<b>June 27</b>	Volunteer Day	10AM - 2PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanup</li> <li>• Weeding</li> <li>• Mulching</li> <li>• Prepping &amp; Backfilling Plots</li> <li>• Projects as needed, to be determined.</li> </ul>
<b>July 8, 15, 22 &amp; 29</b>	Storytime in the Garden	Wednesday Mornings: 10AM - 11AM (July 8 - August 12) For Preschool-aged children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stories read by SRPL</li> <li>• Singalong</li> <li>• Themed Craft and/or Snack</li> </ul> Hosted by South River Public Library
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<b>August 5 &amp; 12</b>	Storytime in the Garden	Wednesday Mornings: 10AM - 11AM (July 8 - August 12) For Preschool-aged children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stories read by SRPL</li> <li>• Singalong</li> <li>• Themed Craft and/or Snack</li> </ul> Hosted by South River Public Library
<b>September 12</b>	Volunteer Day	10AM - 2PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanup</li> <li>• Weeding</li> <li>• Mulching</li> <li>• Prepping &amp; Backfilling Plots</li> </ul> Projects as needed, to be determined.
<b>November 7</b>	Winter Garden Cleanup & Closing + Harvest Party	10AM - 2PM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanup</li> <li>• Weeding</li> <li>• Mulching</li> <li>• Prepping &amp; Backfilling Plots</li> </ul> Projects as needed, to be determined.