2025 MASON COMMUNITY GARDEN
APPLICATION FORM AND AGREEMENT

Name(s): Household of: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Mason, Ohio *[residents only need apply]*

Email Address: _____ Telephone No: _____

To help us locate garden plots appropriately, please check the items that apply:
- ☐ I am a senior citizen
- ☐ I have a physical disability
- ☐ I prefer the same plot as assigned last year, plot #_____
- ☐ OR *[specify other preference]* _____

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Mason Community Garden. The Mason Community Garden is led by a group of local residents in partnership with the City of Mason. Volunteers assign plots and provide administrative support to the program while the City of Mason provides a location, assists with tilling the soil for the start of the growing season, provides woodchips for pathways and a composting area, trash pickup and water on site.

For 2025, the Mason Community Garden will be located on Aero Drive/Stitt Road (just south of Mars Hill Academy). There are 121 plots (150 sq. ft. (10' x 15')) available. To accommodate the demand, plots are initially limited to 1 per household. If there is an excess of plots, additional plots may be assigned. If you are unable to maintain your plot for unexpected reasons, please contact the volunteer administrator of the program so that it may be assigned to another applicant on the wait-list. The volunteer administrator may be reached at masoncommunitygarden@yahoo.com.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW
- Applications for participation in the 2025 Mason Community Garden Program are due by April 15, 2025. Applications can be submitted in person at Mason Community Center located at 6050 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason OH 45040. The Community Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Applications will be considered on a first come, first service basis with preference to long-time gardeners in good standing with the program. Volunteers will aim to connect with applicants via email by Monday, April 21 on confirmation of a plot assignment. Follow up information on when the program will begin will be provided at that time.
- Please tentatively save the date for Saturday, April 26 for the first day of the program. Participants are strongly encouraged to participate on this day to learn more about the program, assist with establishing plots and pathways and meet other gardeners.
- Volunteers will aim to have plots available for use by May 3rd. The 2025 Mason Community Garden will be available through October 31.
- A $20 donation to the Community Garden is required to participate in the program. Fees are used for general needs of the garden. Donations can be made via cash or check made out to Mason Community Garden. **Donations should be made when plots are assigned or at the opening event. Please do not include the donation as part of the application submittal process.**
- Gardeners are asked to please vacate their plot and remove all materials at the end of the season by Friday, October 31. Remaining equipment and supplies will be disposed of after that date.

MASON COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDELINES

- A limited number of wheelbarrows, shovels, forks & rakes are provided at the four corners of the garden for the use of all gardeners. The City of Mason also supplies water, soil and mulch for use by participants. Gardeners are asked to please not remove equipment and/or supplies from the property and return to designated space once they are done using.
- The 10'x15' plots are marked by corner flags. Please be respectful to other gardeners by not moving flags or disrupting designated garden spaces.
- Gardeners are asked to provide their own watering container.
- Gardeners are expected to have at least 2/3 of their plot tilled, weeded and planted by Monday, May 19. If gardeners cannot meet this request, please reach out to the volunteer administrator. If a plot appears to have no or limited activity, by Monday, May 19 and volunteers have not received update on the status, it will be assumed that the plot is abandoned and will be reassigned to participants on the wait-list.
- Gardeners are expected to keep weeds at a minimum within their plot and the surrounding pathways. Gardeners whose plots are observed to be weedy or unkempt will receive a notice to please clean up their plot within 7 days. If the plot remains unkempt, gardeners risk the plot being reassigned.
- Gardeners are asked to please not install any trellis or structure that is over 5 feet tall nor plant corn or other tall crops that may impact sun exposure to neighboring plots.
- Gardeners are asked to please not use any synthetic or manmade weed barriers. Straw, mulch and paper are encouraged.
- Gardeners are asked to not use any non-organic fertilizers, insecticides or chemical weed killers including but not limited to Round Up/Glyphospate.
- We love our furry friends, but please do not bring pets to the garden. Pets can enjoy Pawmyra Dog Park at the Mason Sports Park located on Mason Morrow Millgrove Road.
- Gardens are a great place to teach children healthy lifestyles, patience, planning, and respect for others while increasing growth motor skills, strength and coordination. We kindly ask that children be monitored at all times while visiting the Garden.
- Gardeners are asked to please pick crops only from their own plot unless given permission by another gardener.

I have read the guidelines, and I agree to be respectful of others as described above. I understand and agree that the City of Mason and the Mason Community Garden are not responsible for any damage or injury resulting from the use of this property. I will hold the City of Mason and the Mason Community Garden volunteers harmless from any liability or claims arising from the use of this property.

Signed _____ Date _____

Thank you for your interest in Mason Community Garden. Signed forms (hard copy) can be dropped off in person at the Mason Community Center any time from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Applications can be brought to the back Customer Service Desk. Mason Community Center is located at 6050 Mason-Montgomery Road, OH 45040. Gardeners are encouraged to keep a copy of the guidelines for reference throughout the season.

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Date Received: _____ Received By: _____