

**Town of Southern Pines Community Garden
Recreation & Parks Department**

(Application Form)

Date: _____

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone numbers:

Days: _____

Evenings: _____

Cell: _____

Season→ Growing Season: 03/01/2011 – 11/01/2011

***please indicate if you wish to plant a winter crop (you will be responsible for maintaining plot; Town will not offer water, equipment, etc. after 11/01/11)**

*I would like to lease _____ garden plots for the 2011 growing season.

Please check appropriate items:

- I am a senior citizen.

- I am physically disabled.

- This is my first year at this garden.

- I would like a garden next to a friend. Name: _____

- I have gardened before at (where?)
For how long?

Please indicate your plans for growing in the garden.

- Vegetables (tomatoes, squash, beans, lettuce, etc.)
- Flowers
- Herbs

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Guidelines and Rules:

- I will pay a fee of \$25 residents/\$50 non-residents for the rights to one plot. Plot size is approximately 4'X12'
- I will have something planted in my garden plot by the end of April or I will forfeit my rights to that plot.
- I will keep the plot planted and productive all season.
- If I **MUST** abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership by email or a written letter ASAP.
- I will maintain weeds and unwanted growth at a minimum in the garden plot and the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I will be notified by email or written letter by the Town of Southern Pines. I will be given one week's notice to clean up any discrepancies. If the garden plot is not cleaned up by that date it will be re – assigned or filled in and the Town of Southern Pines will not be held responsible for any lost crops.
- I will keep trash and litter out of plot; as well as adjacent to pathways and fences.
- I will remove all dead plant materials, stakes, signs, etc. at the end of the growing season or during the fall clean up of the garden.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will only pick my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
- I will only use organic fertilizers, compost, soil amendments, insecticides or weed repellents.
- I will be allowed to mulch my plot with straw or organic compost only. This will help to minimize weed growth and maintain soil moisture and temperature changes.
- All issues or concerns should be communicated to the Town of Southern Pines Recreation & Parks Department by email oxendine@southernpines.net or written letter (1185 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387) or phone 910 – 692 – 7376.
- The Town of Southern Pines Community Garden has an irrigation system that automatically waters the plots. The Town of Southern Pines regulates the frequency of the irrigation system. During drought conditions, the irrigation may not be available due to Town water restrictions.

I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. **I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIMS THAT OCCUR IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.** I agree to participate in the activity named above offered by the Southern Pines Recreation and Parks Department. I understand that I shall abide by all department rules as a condition of participation. I am aware that the activity may cause accident or injury as a direct or indirect result of participation. I also agree to assume all risks involved in my participating in the activity. I further agree to release Southern Pines Recreation and Parks Department, it's employees, volunteers and agents from any responsibility should an accident happen. I release any pictures taken during the program to be used for promotional purposes for the Southern Pines Recreation and Parks Department.

Date: _____

Signature: _____