

Dr. Wilson Community Garden Registration Form



Gardener Name: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Plot #: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Gardeners: _____

Email Address: _____

Getting Started

- New Gardeners **are required** to schedule an orientation with the Garden Manager, **Lucille Nelson**.
- **Email: lucille.nelson@tobm.org** to schedule your orientation.

Plot Reservation

- Returning gardeners in good standing are guaranteed a plot
- New gardeners must start with a Half Plot—(6' x 25')
- Requesting a plot does not guarantee you will be assigned one. Payment cannot be accepted until you have been assigned a plot by Garden Manager.
- After a successful season, you may upgrade to a full plot per Garden Manager's approval.

Volunteer Ideas

Check Boxes of Interest:

- Harvesting
- Planting Starts
- Weeding
- Watering
- Beautification (herbs/flowers)
- Medicinal Plant Trail
- Tend Perennials
- Mending Tools
- Small Construction
- Fundraising
- Building compost
- Organizing tools and materials
- Other: _____
- _____

WAIVER

I hereby agree and undertake to save and hold harmless Black Mountain Recreation & Parks and the Town of Black Mountain from any and all claims for damages to person or property that may arise out of the use of the Community Garden and special equipment. I, the applicant, will be responsible for and agree to pay damages done to the property and equipment of the Black Mountain Recreation & Parks Department, exclusive of ordinary wear and tear. I, the applicant, assume all responsibility to maintain my community garden plot as listed under "Responsibilities of Community Gardeners" and understand that failure to do so will result in loss of gardening space for the following season. I have read, and will abide by all statements included in this registration form and the "Responsibilities of Community Gardeners".

Signature

Date

For Office Use Only

Received by: _____

Date: _____

Check: _____

Full Plot: \$60

Cash: _____ Credit: _____

Half Plot: \$35

Dr. John Wilson Community Garden—The Basic Rules



Gardeners should **begin working their plot BY June 1st** (or risk losing plot) and clear and cover crop/sheet mulch **by October 15th**



We provide seeds/starts, and instructions for growing in your **10 percent space**. YOU care for that crop. Our volunteers harvest when ready.



Driving down to the Barn is restricted for pickup/drop off, and individuals with limited mobility. Please do not take up the limited space available for these needs. **DO NOT** drive down to the shed. Parking is available at the barn **ONLY**.



Children and pets must be **well-supervised** at all times

Do not take a tool off site from the garden without the manager's approval

Latch gates and doors in-between trips, and lock securely when you're done.

Do not add seeds or aggressive plants to the compost bins. This spreads unwanted plants. Rather, place invasive weeds like mugwort on dedicated invasive compost areas.



Tobacco use is prohibited in all park spaces (this includes cigarettes, chew, dip, and vapor products)



Rinse tools (and scrub when necessary) before returning them to storage.



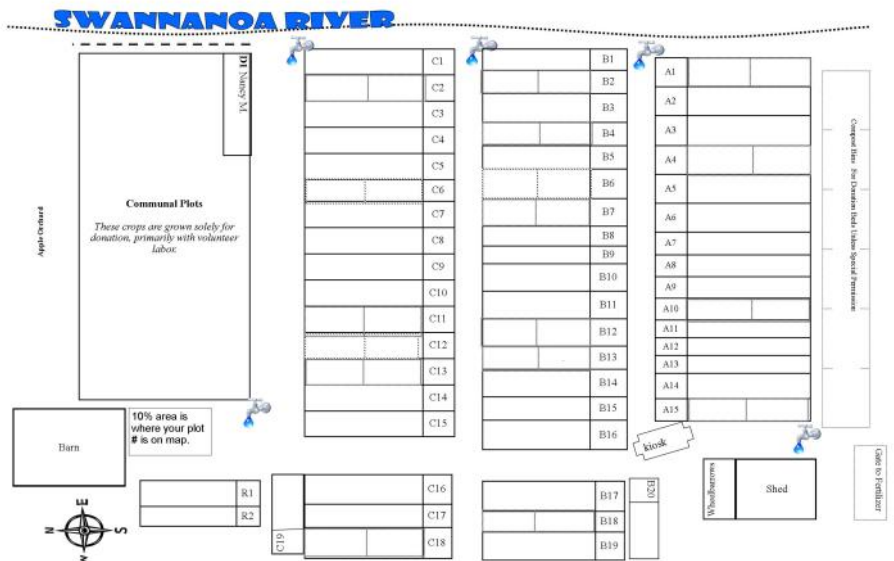
Questions?



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**Email Garden Manager
Lucille Nelson at
Lucille.nelson@tobm.org**

We **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** the use of **organic growing methods**. **The best way to learn solid organic methods is to volunteer** with the manager and learn first hand.



Responsibilities of Community Gardeners in the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden

General Garden Rules

- Produce grown in the community garden may not be sold for personal profit.
- Produce grown for donation (10% spots, perennial beds, donation beds) is only available to volunteers, and for donation.
- Tobacco use is *prohibited* in the garden (and on all Town property). This includes vapor products.
- Children must remain under adult supervision at all times.
- Pets must be kept on a leash.
- Park at the top of the hill unless you are unloading. Close the gate behind you if yours is the last vehicle in the garden.
- ***If you fail to comply with garden responsibilities and regulations you may be asked to leave, or may not be allowed to return to the garden.***

Maintain Your Plot

- Gardeners must plant their plot **by June 1st** and clear their plot **by October 15th**.
- At the end of the season you must seed your plot with a winter cover crop or winter mulch.
- Plan to work *at least* ONE HOUR PER WEEK in your plot (it usually takes more than this to have a successful garden).
- Keep weeds from “going to seed”, if that happens, *do not place those weeds in the compost bins!*
- Do not allow weeds (or intentional plants) to invade community space or neighboring plots.
- You are responsible for maintaining 1 foot of path space on each side of your plot.

Donation & Sharing

- 10% of your garden plot is marked off to grow food for donation. We provide seeds, starts, and instructions for care, and you are responsible for planting and tending. Volunteers will harvest when ready.
- If you wish to share additional produce, swap seeds, or split orders with fellow gardeners, please do so! We have a sharing table by the tool shed and seed swap box in the tool shed.

Communication

- **Read Lucille’s emails!** If you do not use email, please check the message board at the garden for important updates and information.
- The Dr. John Wilson Community Garden has a Facebook Page you can “like” and follow plus an Instagram @blackmountaincommunitygarden. Tag the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden. We love seeing your garden grow.
- There is a gardener contact list in the tool shed for your reference for those that want to share.

Tools

- Please be kind to our shared tools by cleaning them before returning to shed (bucket and scrubber at the faucet by tool shed).
- Please be kind to others by returning tools to the shed, and to their proper place.
- We have a very limited tool budget. The most common reason we lose tools is that gardeners forget to return them to shed, or ‘borrow’ them for home use and forget to return.
- Gardeners receive the lock-code at orientation. The tool shed should be locked when you leave the garden.
- Report damaged or broken tools to the garden manager, or place them in the “damaged tool” spot at the shed.

Some Strong Suggestions about Gardening Methods at the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden

Pests, Weeds, & Fungi

We *strongly recommend* the use of organic growing methods. You can consult and purchase a variety of products in Black Mountain:

- Professional Landscape Solutions: (Trent) 3122 US Highway 70 (just west of Blue Ridge Road)
 - Mellie Mac's Garden Shack: (Mellie) Black Mountain Ave, down from Louise's, next to BMRP offices
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Water Use

Make every attempt to conserve water. Water in the mornings and evenings for best conservation. Our water is collected from the [food safe] roof on the Grey Eagle arena, and pumped from the river.

**This water is not treated, so it is not safe for drinking.*

Barn

Except for cages and wooden stakes, please do not use anything in or around the barn without specific approval from Lucille. This is where we store materials for use in the donation-only beds, the perennial gardens, and more.

Please do not store personal items in the barn.

Resources & Learning

You have a wealth of resources to learn more about safe and effective gardening practices.

- This garden has seasoned gardeners.
- You can learn a lot by volunteering in the garden.
- The Black Mountain library and the local library system have many books and resources.
- Workshops are scheduled throughout the year with local organizations.
- Contact Lucille with specific requests or needs.
- Our YouTube Channel has many informative videos.
- Garden Facebook Group is a great place to connect with other gardeners.

Composting

The compost bins are carefully marked—please only add to the “add here” bins. Do not add plants that are invasive via root systems such as mugwort or Bermuda grass. You may take 1 full wheelbarrow of compost spring and fall to amend your plot. Lucille may send a message that we have spare compost to allow for additional use.

Building good compost takes a team. If you're interested in learning how to build compost and improve the compost available at the garden, please let Lucille know so that she can train you and add you to the Compost Crew.

Go Above & Beyond!

Many gardeners choose to donate time, skills, or financial contributions to the garden to keep it running smoothly. We welcome you to share your creativity and knowledge as well as your labor. Workdays and needs will be posted on the garden board, the Facebook page, or by email. It takes an amazing array of people and abilities to make this garden work, and we would love your participation to keep it operating as a *community garden*.

Contact Information

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