



**Summit Community Gardens
2011 Plot Request Form**

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Please indicate your residence type: single family home multi-unit complex

If applicable, name of condo/apartment complex: _____

If applicable, name of non-profit organization: _____

Why do you want to garden with us?

How would you like to fulfill your 12 community hours? (please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)

- Attend group work sessions
- Volunteer in a garden leadership role (Garden Steward)
- General garden maintenance (weeding, fixing tools, etc)
- Help with garden events

Do you require special accommodations? If so, please explain any mobility limitations and specific requirements.

I agree with the following statement:

I have read the Community Garden Information and Policies as follows. I understand that failure to comply with the rules will result in the loss of my current or future gardening privileges.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Please complete and return this page by 03/03/11 to:
alisongodlewski@gmail.com or Uinta Headwaters RC&D Council, PO Box 683595, Park City, UT 84098



Summit Community Gardens 2011 Community Garden Information & Policies

Welcome to the 2011 gardening season! Summit Community Gardens is a local volunteer organization. We foster opportunities to build community and grow local, sustainable food. Our community gardening policies and procedures are important for all community gardeners to understand. If you have any questions about this information, please call Alison Godlewski at 435-655-5055 or email alisongodlewski@gmail.com.

In our community garden, gardeners pay a fee each year. In return they receive a plot of land, materials and guidance for construction of raised beds, soil inputs, access to water, tools and helpful information about gardening. Individuals that are granted a plot are allowed to share their plot with others if they choose. Our gardeners are expected to use organic methods and products, which means that we do not allow the use of nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers.

Is Community Gardening for You?

A community garden is a place where people of many different backgrounds join together for the common goal of gardening. It is important to understand that gardening in a community garden is much different than gardening at home. A community garden is a shared space, where we need to be considerate of other people and their plants. You will need to make the time to come to the garden - it won't be as easy as stepping into your back yard. The following information may be useful to you if you are thinking about becoming a Community Gardener with Summit Community Gardens.

A Typical Growing Season

A garden plot requires time and constant effort at least 6 months out of the year in order to produce a healthy harvest. Here are some basic tasks that will be required of you:

- **Preparing Your Plot.** You must clear your plot of weeds on or before our Spring Garden workday, which is held on or around April 30th of each year. Nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers are not allowed. Healthy soil leads to healthy plants. Loosening your soil and adding inputs such as compost, silt and/or sand before you plant will make your plants healthier and more resistant to pests and disease.
- **Planning.** You must take care in planning your garden, placing plants in places where they will grow best, and close to the drip irrigation lines. You may want to consider buying and starting your seeds a month or two in advance.
- **Providing Water.** Seedbeds must be hand-watered daily until sprouts appear above ground. Seedlings may need to be hand-watered daily for the first two weeks. Gardeners may depend on our timed drip irrigation systems once plants are established.
- **Weeding.** Time will be needed to keep weeds down in your plot and its surrounding pathways. By getting to weeds early in the spring, you will save on time and effort later in the season.
- **Harvesting.** As plants mature and begin to produce, you must be there to harvest the fruits of your labor – the best reward of gardening! Keeping ripe produce picked reduces garden pests and vandalism.
- **Preparing for Winter.** At the end of the season, the deadline to remove dead plant material from your plot is 10/15/11. Your soil will require a boost after giving so much to you throughout the growing season. Reward your soil by loosening it, incorporating aged compost and dried leaves, and/or planting cover crops.

Time Requirements

As with any other part of life, the more time you invest in gardening, the better your garden plot will be. Generally, people spend 1-5 hours during each week tending their plot. Community Gardeners are also required to contribute 12 hours during the season to tend common areas, do general garden maintenance, and attend our mandatory Spring Garden Workday. A community garden takes a lot of work to run well, and everyone is expected to participate. (Many hands

make light work.) Some examples of community responsibilities are maintaining paths, fixing tools, weeding common areas, and organizing social events.

Benefits and Rewards

Despite the extra responsibilities, there are lots of benefits to community gardening. If you've never gardened in a community garden before, you can look forward to more than fresh fruits and veggies. Cultural exchanges sprout and new friendships grow among diverse groups of people.

Community gardens are common ground for growing plants that feed, heal and give aesthetic pleasure. They are civic spaces where people work and recreate to nourish themselves, their families and friends; the gardeners' shared labor also builds a stronger sense of belonging to their physical environment and connection to other gardeners. Community gardens are the collective effort of people with the patience and determination to make things grow.

Community gardens should be inclusive and welcoming to all people. Regardless of age, education, language barrier, or disability, all gardeners are expected to participate in the upkeep of the garden.

Summit Community Gardens can provide translation upon request so that all can share the work.

By choosing to be in a community garden, you'll be gardening in close proximity to others. You can learn from these folks either actively (by asking questions) or passively (by observation). People of different cultural backgrounds garden differently; if your community garden is culturally diverse, you may be surprised at what you'll learn even if you've been gardening many years.

Requesting A Plot

If you are interested in becoming a Community Gardener, please fill out our Plot Request Form and return by 03/03/11. If space is available, each gardener is entitled to one plot (approximately 3 x 12 feet). A \$55 garden plot rental fee is required of all gardeners, payable on or before 3/20/11 when the gardener registers for his/her plot. In return they receive a plot of land, materials and guidance for construction of raised beds, soil inputs, access to water, tools and helpful information about gardening. A \$25 deposit is also required on or before 3/20/11, and will be returned at the end of the year if the plot is left in satisfactory condition, including but not limited to the condition of the soil, the absence of weeds, and the condition of the raised bed infrastructure on the plot. If a gardener does not register and pay for the plot by 3/20/11, the plot will be given to another gardener. Garden plots must be cleared of weeds by 4/30/11. If a gardener has not used his/her plot by this date, the plot will be given to another gardener. The plot fee will not be returned.

Garden Address

Summit Community Gardens, Koleman Parcel, 4120 N. Highway 224, Park City UT 84098

Land

Summit Community Gardens does not own the land used for the Koleman Parcel Garden. It is located on public open space owned by and leased from Summit County. Planting of vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers are allowed on individual plots in the garden. No county declared noxious weeds are permitted on individual plots. Please be considerate of neighboring plots and refrain from or limit the planting of any fast spreading plants such as mint. No nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, or fertilizers are allowed. Our goal is to create and nurture healthy soil and a healthy plant environment in the garden. Because plant and soil health deteriorates with the use of nonorganic products, they are not allowed in any of our community gardens. Gardeners using nonorganic herbicides, pesticides, and/or fertilizers will lose their gardening privileges! If in doubt about the nature of a particular product, please check with the Garden Coordinator. Note: we do not require that seeds are certified organic.

Parking

Parking may be limited for part or all of the 2011 gardening season. Please plan to use alternative transportation whenever possible. There is a bus stop located near the garden as well as a trail system directly to the garden. Another option that may be used is the parking lot at the Shepherd of the Mountain Lutheran Church. From this location, the crosswalk at Canyons Resort Drive can be used to access the garden. Please do not use this option on Sunday morning or Wednesday and Thursday evenings after 7:00 pm.

Weeds and Trash

It is the gardeners' responsibility to weed their plots on or before our Spring Garden workday, which is held on or around April 30th of each year. It is also the gardeners' responsibility to control the weeds and trash in their own plots and adjacent pathways during the season, and to clear their plot of trellis materials and debris at the end of the season.

Because weeds take nutrition away from the soil, gardeners should keep their plot free of weeds as much as possible, and weeds should never exceed six inches in height. Gardeners are also required to assist with weeding common areas. Summit Community Gardens will maintain the automatic drip irrigation system. Please do not alter the system in any way. Please report any problems or leaks to the Garden Coordinator. The drip system is a water-efficient method of garden irrigation. Each gardener will learn how the drip irrigation system works at the gardener orientation meetings. You can also help make sure that water is not wasted, and greatly reduce your garden's water needs by using mulch (this also helps keep out weeds).

No Rebar

For safety reasons, rebar is not allowed for staking or trellising unless permission is granted by the Garden Coordinator.

Cooperation

This project will be more successful as all of our gardeners work together. We ask that in addition to your annual plot fee, you also make a contribution of your time by participating in the Spring Garden workday, as well as general maintenance throughout the season. Each gardener is expected to contribute 12 volunteer hours to the community during the year. It is recommended that each gardener fulfills half of their hours by July 15th, and the other half after this date.

Theft

Stealing of any kind is not permitted and will result in immediate loss of gardening privileges and forfeiture of any crops remaining in the garden.

Disrespectful Behavior

Disrespectful or abusive language, or destructive behavior (including vandalism) may result in the immediate loss of all gardening privileges, and forfeiture of any crops remaining in the garden.

Notification

All plots will be inspected on a regular basis. Gardeners of plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet any of these guidelines, will be notified. Failure to respond within 14 days will result in forfeiture of the plot. It is the responsibility of the gardener to notify the Garden Coordinator if no longer able to tend their plot.

Summit Community Gardens responsibilities

Summit Community Gardens will administer the Community Gardening Program and register gardeners and assign available plots. When possible, Summit Community Gardens will provide infrastructure, soil inputs, tools, technical assistance and skills training. In addition, Summit Community Gardens will manage water and drip irrigation systems and pay for water use. Summit Community Gardens reserves the right to make changes or exceptions to policies where and when appropriate.

Please remember

Summit Community Gardens is run by volunteers. The purpose of our community gardening program is to provide access to land, water and general garden administration. The care and maintenance of the garden is the collective responsibility of the community gardeners.