

## NEW PALTZ GARDENS FOR NUTRITION 2018 APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out in **ink** and **PRINT CLEARLY**. Return the application to the address below. Returning members must submit this application by **March 1** to guarantee renewal of their plots. First-time gardeners are limited to one plot. All information is confidential. It is the member's responsibility to update contact info when changes occur. ***Please fill out the Task portion of the application or your application will not be processed.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Plot Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ I am a first-timer requesting a plot \_\_\_\_\_ I am a returning gardener

Special needs/comments \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL FEE	Seniors (62+ or Disabled)		
Full Plot: 20' x 30'	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	\$ _____
Half Plot: 20' x 15'	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	\$ _____
Community Work Days/ Task Exemption			\$ _____
Tax Deductible Donation			\$ _____
<b>Total amount enclosed:</b>			\$ _____

Membership fees cover plot rental, use of tools and facilities. Plots cannot be assigned without payment and signature. Make checks payable to NPGFN, include your phone number and mail to: **Gardens for Nutrition, P.O. Box 835, New Paltz, NY 12561.**

All NPGFN members are **required** to contribute a minimum of two hours a month to the maintenance of the common areas of the Gardens and to participate in at least two Community Work days. **Please indicate your preferred task.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Mowing paths <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing vacant or overgrown plots <input type="checkbox"/> Shed Upkeep <input type="checkbox"/> Hand Tool, Carts, and Wheelbarrow Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Power Equipment Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/> Deer Fence Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Bed Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Sort Wood and Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
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**If you cannot participate in two of the Community Work Days, or execute your chosen tasks for whatever reason, we ask that you notify the Board and pay an exemption fee of \$30 (\$15 for seniors or the disabled) for the season in lieu of work.**

### PLEASE READ AND SIGN ON PAGE 2

In consideration of New Paltz Gardens for Nutrition giving me permission to cultivate a garden plot on lands owned by the Village of New Paltz, I hereby acknowledge that I enter upon the property and cultivate the garden at my own risk and expense and waive all claims for damage or loss to my person and property which may be caused by an act, or failure to act, of the Village of New Paltz, the Town of New Paltz or their officers, agents or employees, or members of the Board of the NPGFN. I assume the risk of any theft, destruction, or damage to my garden plot, or the produce

grown thereon, or by the lack of adequate water supply. I assume the risk of any dangerous condition in or about the property where my garden plot is located and waive any and all specific notice of the existence of such conditions. This waiver shall apply to any persons, including members of my family, who assist me in the cultivation of my garden plot, or visitors to my plot. Any plants, garden materials, structures, or personal tools left in the plot after **March 1** will become the property of the new garden lessee.

**\*NEW FOR 2018-** Each plot will have one primary member responsible for that plot. If there are others sharing or helping in that plot (co-gardeners), they must sign below and provide their email address. Spouses, partners and children residing at the member's address are exempt. If a co-gardener already has their own plot, they do not need to sign as a co-gardener. If a member is unable to participate in Community Clean-Up Days or Tasks, their co-gardener(s) may work in their place.

**I have read the 2018 New Paltz Gardens for Nutrition Rules and will adhere to them. I understand that failure to comply with the Garden Rules and requirements will result in forfeiture of my gardening privileges.**

**Member Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-gardener #1 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-gardener #2 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-gardener #3 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-gardener #4 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-gardener #5 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-gardener #6 Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## 2018 NPGFN GARDEN RULES

Please keep these rules for future reference. Do not mail them back with your application.

1. You are not just renting a plot, you are a member of a community. We need *everyone's* full cooperation in the execution of the tasks for which you have signed up throughout the season. You are expected to participate in at least two of the Community Work Days that will be held throughout the season. **If you cannot participate in two of the Community Work Days and execute your chosen tasks for whatever reason, we ask that you notify the Board and pay an exemption fee of \$30 (\$15 for seniors or the disabled) for the season in lieu of work.**
2. You may fence in your plot to deter theft and trespassing. Make sure your fence does not encroach on pathways. Deer or bird netting and wood pallets must NOT be used for fence material.
3. You must keep at least 75% of your plot under cultivation with vegetables, flowers, and/or small fruits. Fruit trees are not allowed.
4. You are responsible for keeping your plot(s), fences, and all your fence lines, clean and weed free. NPGFN membership is for one year. Failure to adequately maintain your plot(s) and fences will result in loss of gardening privileges. The board will consider unkempt plots abandoned after sending **one** notice. If no response is received, gardening privileges will be revoked. Abandoned plot(s) will be reassigned. No refunds will be given to gardeners who have lost their gardening privileges. Please notify a member of the Board or email us at **gardensfornutrition@yahoo.com** if you will be unable to tend your plot for more than two weeks.

Keep in mind that throughout the season row checks are completed monthly in the few days before the monthly Board meetings. You will be notified if your plot is in violation of the garden rules. Initially, you will be notified by **May 4** regarding no preparation or cleaning of your assigned plot. You must reply and address the issue by **May 18**.

5. **Prohibited items include:**

- Glass (including windows for cold frames), plastic fencing/netting, plywood, tires, wood and plastic pallets, rocks, gravel, cinder blocks. Wood can be used to build raised beds.
- Inorganic mulches including tarps, plastic sheeting (including plastic products labeled biodegradable), landscape fabric, rubber mulch. Wood chips, straw, leaves, cardboard and paper are acceptable mulches.
- Piles of organic debris or compost in plots.
- Non-organic herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, repellents and fertilizers (such as Miracle-Gro).
- Saplings and trees, illegal plants, plants or shrubs that grow over 6' tall, invasive plants that reseed or form colonies and spread into neighboring plots, making them difficult to remove (examples include Jerusalem artichoke, Rose of Sharon, lilac, elderberry among others).
- Accumulations of containers, wood not in use, or any other item that is not actively used in gardening is prohibited.
- Noisemakers, such as windchimes, suspended pie tins, or anything else that intrudes on your neighbors' serenity.
- Structures that are hazardous or that shade a neighboring plot. The Board reserves the right to remove such structures.

6. **Prohibited activities include:**

- Entering another gardener's plot without permission. **DO NOT HARVEST WHAT YOU HAVE NOT PLANTED!**
- Commercial growing.
- Smoking in the garden.
- Using water sprinklers or any unattended irrigation devices in plots.
- Blocking paths. Wheelbarrows, carts, hoses and bicycles must not block pathways at any time.
- Playing radios or any device without headsets. Please use cell phones courteously.
- Allowing dogs inside the garden paths and plots. Trained service dogs are allowed.

7. **Rules regarding the Village of New Paltz:**

- The Gardens are open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset. Village ordinance prohibits presence in the garden between 9 pm and 6 am. You may be subject to a Village fine if you are there during these hours.
  - Do not use Village drinking water for watering gardens. Faucets are labeled "Drinking Water" and are located in the park, outside of the NPGFN fence.
  - Do not park on the grounds of the Village Park or in front of the Village service entrance.
  - Follow the Village Park Ordinances- no alcohol use, camping or cooking in the park or gardens.
8. Treat others gardeners with respect. Use of profanity, racial slurs or any other types of inappropriate behavior such as harassment will not be tolerated.
9. Use the NPGFN water system conscientiously and courteously. Shut off the water after use and remove personal hoses from hydrants, from along the pathways, or along the outside of your fences. Do not leave water on unattended.
10. **Clean and return tools, carts, and wheelbarrows to the shed before you leave the garden**, even if only for a short time. Lock the shed each time you take out or return tools to deter theft.
11. If you are the last person to leave the gardens in the evening, secure **all** of the gates and activate the electric fence by pushing the on switch on the solar controllers next to the front gate. This is critical for deer control. If you are the first person to arrive in the morning, turn the controller switches off.
12. Weeds and other plant debris must be dumped next to the village leaf pile only. Rodents nest in anything that is not moved or turned over frequently.
13. Scrap metal, wood debris, and brush must be placed in the designated locations near the tool shed. All plastic and trash should be placed in the garbage cans at the side of the parking lot.
14. At the end of the season clean out weeds. Remove or tie down anything left in your plot so it does not float away in the spring floods. Plastic pots, plastic 6-packs for seedlings, plastic bags, and any other forms of plastic will float away during the annual flooding and end up in the land of our neighbor the Nyquist Harcourt Wildlife Sanctuary. Please properly dispose of such plastic items and man-made materials when they are no longer in use.

## **NEW PALTZ GARDENS FOR NUTRITION 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Please mark your calendars**

**Saturday, April 7, 10am-noon**

**Annual Spring Event**

Speaker to be announced

New Paltz Village Hall, Second Floor, Large Conference Room, 25 Plattekill Avenue, New Paltz

**Saturday, April 14, 1- 3pm**

**First Community Work Day and Fence Repair Day**

Rain date April 15.

**Saturday, April 21, 11am-4pm**

**Annual Earth Day Fair**

Reformed Church of New Paltz, 92 Huguenot St, New Paltz. Sponsored by Interfaith Earth Action, the Caring for Creation Committee of the Reformed Church of New Paltz, and the New Paltz Climate Action Coalition

**Saturday, June 23, 10am-12pm**

**Second Community Work Day**

Rain date Sunday, June 24

**Saturday, August 4, 10am-12pm**

**Third Community Work Day**

Rain Date Sunday, August 5

**Saturday, August 18, 5pm-dusk.**

**Annual Pot-Luck Dinner at the Gardens**

Rain date Sunday, August 19

**Saturday, September 22, 10am-12pm**

**Last Community Work Day, followed by Catered Lunch**

Rain date Sunday, September 23

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Members and their guests are welcome to attend Board Meetings. Meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 PM, at the New Paltz Village Hall. The Annual Meeting is held on a Saturday in January at 10:00 AM. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change, so members should check email beforehand.