



Sugartown Preserve

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION

Access through 257 Spring Road, Malvern, PA 19355

The Willistown Community Garden is a volunteer community Garden where Willistown and area residents share fellowship over gardening and gather to grow organic fruits, vegetables, and herbs. This is a commitment to the Garden and fellow gardeners. Members must be prepared to spend a minimum of 2-4 hours per week in two separate visits to the Garden per week.

Sugartown Community Garden Pledge

1. I acknowledge that this property has been made available by Willistown Township and is owned by its residents.
2. I will attend the 2 winter meetings and at least 1 spring Garden orientation before planting in the Garden.
3. I will keep my plot, paths and surrounding areas in an attractive manner, neat and free of pests, diseases, and weeds.
 - a. I will pay \$25.00 as a fee which includes one salt hay bale plus incendiary expenses. If I have more than one plot, I will pay for any additional bales separately. I will pay for and use salt hay as mulch on my bed after I plant in early spring and to use as needed throughout the season.
 - b. I will install and maintain woodchips as needed on the path adjacent to my row.
 - c. I will keep the grassy areas in the Garden clear so the mowing contractor can keep it neatly maintained.
4. Should I have an outbreak of a disease or pests, I will notify the other gardeners and utilize organic means to rectify the situation.
5. I will not let weeds go to seed.
6. I will maintain an organic plot by using organic practices and will not use non-organic substances including but not limited to herbicides and pesticides.
7. I will ask my fellow gardeners if I have questions about gardening or organic gardening principles and will conversely share my gardening knowledge with my fellow gardeners when asked.
8. I will confine my crops to my Garden bed.
9. I acknowledge _____ as the Garden Site Manager, _____ and _____ as the Garden Project Managers, and Mary Hundt (mhundt@willistown.pa.us) as Director of Parks and Recreation. I will work with this Garden leadership and will take direction from _____ as Site Manager. The Garden Site Managers have a 2-year commitment where one rotates off each year. This allows the new Manager to learn from the existing manager. Please consider taking on this role during your Garden membership. Currently, _____ is willing to continue to serve as Site Manager.

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10. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the Site and Project Managers and Mary, and I will clean out/weed my plot.
11. It is my responsibility to find a fellow gardener to maintain my plot for me if I am unavailable.
12. If I have questions or concerns about my plot and/or the Garden, I will contact the Site Manager and/or Project Managers and/or Mary.
13. If I am approached by the non-gardening community with questions or concerns about the Garden, I will tell them what I know, show them the Garden, and have them contact Mary through Township administration as needed (610-647-5300). I will report the inquiry to Mary.
14. I will participate in the maintenance of the community areas as assigned.
15. I will participate in the mandatory group Garden clean-ups and work sessions. There are generally 2 in the spring and 2 in the fall.
16. Sugartown Garden has a table and craft at the Willistown Township Country Fair on August 23 rain date 25 at Greentree Park, 21 Grubb Road, Malvern 19355. \$100 budget from Parks & Recreation: _____. Set up by 5:30pm, event 5:30-7:30pm.
Okehocking Bird Festival September 24: Info Booth: _____ Time TBD...likely 1-4pm.
17. Willistown Crier newsletter articles _____ : March & August. June: _____ November: _____. A Garden Project Manager (_____ is currently on the newsletter distribution list) will pass the newsletter announcements, timing, and instructions on to the person writing about the Garden.
18. I will not bring pets to Sugartown Preserve or in the Garden.
19. I will supervise any children that I bring to the Garden.
20. I will not smoke at Sugartown Preserve or in the Garden.
21. I will use the parking area provided, and, if full, will park at the Historic Sugartown bank barn across Spring Road. I will not park on the grass.
22. I will only visit the Preserve and Garden between dawn and dusk.
23. I will ensure that the Garden gates are closed and locked (0688) and the water is turned off as the last gardener departing.
24. I will ensure that the shed doors are locked as the last gardener departing (0688).
25. I will close the gate/latch the chain at the Spring Road entrance to the Preserve as the last gardener departing.
26. I will notify Mary if the trash bin is full. I will put noxious weeds in the trash and other Garden material in the compost.
27. I will donate portions of my harvest to the Chester County Food Bank program. General Coordinator: Meta Christaldi; Raised Beds: _____ gathers all of the girl scout donation stats and submits a final total at the end of the season. _____ is coordinating the Girl Scouts as of 2-29-16, and will work with _____ as a potentially new troupe.
(639 #s donated in 2015!)
28. I will not let food go to waste in my plot. I will let the Garden Food Bank Coordinator, _____, know if I am unable to harvest my plot so that she or another gardener may harvest the food for me and donate it.
29. I will assist in delivery of produce for the food bank to local distribution centers as I am able.
30. I understand that my given plot and size this year does not guarantee the same for next year.

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31. I understand that if I am not a Willistown resident, being in the community garden this year does not guarantee next year, and that there is a possibility that space may not be available due to Willistown Township resident demand.
32. I understand that the Willistown Community Garden may or may not be available for community gardening next year and do not take this year's activity as a guarantee of such use next year.
33. I will make note of the emergency (911) and police dispatch (610-647-1440) contact information and Garden address and will employ safe practices in the Garden.
34. I will report any vandalism in the Garden to police dispatch. I will notify the Garden Managers of the incident and they will inform Mary and the Site Manager.
35. I understand that failure to maintain my Garden plot and myself in the above manner, after due warning, will result in forfeiture of my gardening privileges and any cash left from my \$25.
36. First year members may sign up for one plot. If they have extensive experience, more plot assignments may be considered.
37. First year Garden members will meet with available Garden Mentors to guide and assist them for the first month or two and throughout the season depending on their ability and need.
38. I will hold Willistown Township, Historic Sugartown, and my fellow gardeners harmless.
39. I will enjoy my time in the garden!

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____