

## 2018 Membership Application for New Members

### Garden Rules

1. Annual renewal membership dues of \$50 are due in full by November 30<sup>th</sup>.
2. New members must complete and sign:
  - Membership Agreement (page 3 of this document)
  - Acknowledgement of Community Garden Responsibilities and Guidelines (page 4 of DeKalb County Garden Rules and Forms)
  - Release and Indemnification Agreement (page 5 of DeKalb County Garden Rules and Forms)

and mail them with a check made payable to Henderson Park Community Garden to:

Henderson Park Community Garden  
P.O. Box 2962  
Tucker, GA 30085

3. **Each plot is rented for the period of January 1 through December 31.** Plots may be rented as they become available throughout the year. Dues are pro-rated monthly for members renting a plot after August 1.
4. A waiting list will be maintained for future plot availability.
5. **Each member may rent only one plot.** If plots become available during the year, and there are no names on the waiting list, these plots will be made available to the membership, at the standard rental rate as detailed in #1 and #3 above, with the understanding that the plots will be released for rental at the end of the year.
6. Plot-sharing arrangements are handled in the same way as individually rented plots at \$50 per plot. Each co-plot holder must complete and sign the Membership Agreement. Each plot has one vote in any issue put before the membership.
7. Prohibitions in the garden include:
  - a) Littering, dumping, alcohol consumption, and any other unlawful activities
  - b) Amplified sound
  - c) Ball playing or other forms of active recreation
  - d) Growing of illegal substances
  - e) Pets (with the exception of service animals)
  - f) Hoses (except by written permission)
  - g) Children under 12, unless accompanied and supervised by an adult
8. Only organic and natural means of disease and pest control may be used. The use of herbicides (weed killers), synthetic fertilizers, and synthetic pesticides in the garden is prohibited. Assistance in organic gardening methods will be provided to gardeners who request it.
9. Plot rentals are not transferable and fees are nonrefundable.

## Member Commitments

10. **I agree to plant my plot within a reasonable period of time.** I will keep my plot free of weeds over the winter and plant or prep my plot by March 1st (for renewing members). New members joining after March 1st have 14 days to prep or plant their plots. If I haven't prepped or planted my plot by March 1st (or within 14 days of becoming a member), I understand that my plot may be reclaimed and reassigned.
11. **I will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of my plot as well as the paths around my plot.** I am responsible for watering, weeding, harvesting, mulching, and any other garden-related maintenance. When I cannot get to the garden to water my plot, I will arrange for another member to water it for me.
12. I recognize that water is a precious commodity and I will water my plot accordingly. I will use rainwater when available. I will restrict my usage of public water to no more than 30 minutes per day and I will do my best to water before 10:00 am and after 5:00 pm to reduce loss to evaporation. I will not use a hose or leave water running.
13. I will plant crops and decorate my plot in a manner that does not unreasonably encroach upon my neighbors' space, path, or access to sunlight.
14. If I cannot get to the garden to harvest from my plot, I will place one of the HPCG markers in my plot to indicate that food pantry volunteers and other members are welcome to pick from my plot.
15. I will harvest only from my plot unless granted permission by another member or posted markers indicate otherwise.
16. **I will not neglect my plot.** If I allow vegetables in my plot to continually rot (or become otherwise inedible), I will accept that garden board members may harvest produce for the food pantry. The board member will put an HPCG marker in my plot until I return and remove it and store it in the shed.
17. **I agree to volunteer my time for general garden maintenance, to keep the garden site clean of weeds and debris, especially around my plot and along the garden pathways.** I understand that continued use of the site is contingent on our ability to maintain it. I may fulfill my commitment by participating in at least four (4) 2-hour group gardening work days; or by volunteering on the food pantry team; or by keeping an assigned zone of the garden weed-free and mulched.
18. **I will dispose of weeds in designated container(s), and plant materials in designated compost bins.**
19. I will keep garden gates closed and the toolshed locked.
20. I will show consideration toward fellow members, garden property, and the community at large.

## Membership Agreement

**I have read the Garden Rules, Member Commitments, and Bylaws and agree to abide by them. I understand that failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in loss of my plot and my fees.**

I agree to waive, release, absolve, hold harmless, and indemnify the Henderson Park Community Garden, and HPCG leadership, membership, volunteers, and sponsors from and against all damages, claims, demands, suits, actions, costs, or expenses directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of, or in connection with the use of the Henderson Park Community Garden.

1. Please list people who have permission to harvest from your plot:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. For plot-sharing arrangements, name of co-plot holder: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Stewardship requirement: Please rank these in order of your interest/availability:

\_\_\_ The food pantry team (weekly commitment)

\_\_\_ Group gardening during work days (four 2-hour workdays, over the course of the year)

\_\_\_ Assigned zone in the garden (on your own time)

4. Would you like space in the greenhouse? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

<b>Name</b>	
<b>eMail Address(es) for all Garden / HPCG communications</b>	
<b>Street Address</b>	
<b>City, State, Zip</b>	
<b>Primary Phone</b>	
<b>Cell Phone</b>	
Yes or No	<b>May we text you?</b>
Yes or No	<b>May we publish your phone number in the Member List?</b>

**I will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of my plot as well as the paths around my plot. I will not neglect my plot. I agree to complete my garden stewardship duties, and to keep the garden site clean of weeds and debris, especially around my plot and along the garden pathways.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For HPCG Use: Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Plot number: \_\_\_\_\_