

**The Chikaming Planting Field**  
A Community Garden Project of the Chikaming Township Park Board  
Chikaming Township, Berrien County, Michigan

**Application for Garden Plot**

**Name of Gardener:** .....

**Name of Joint Gardener (if any):** .....

**Address:** .....

**Telephone Number:** .....

**E-mail Address:** .....

Please check the appropriate items:

- I would like the same plot I had last season. (Plot number(s) .....)
- This is my first year at the garden
- I would like to garden next to a friend. (Name and their plot number:.....)
- I would like \_\_\_\_\_ 20 x 20 foot plot(s). (Please enter the number of plots. A blank will assume one plot.)
- I would like to apply for a development grant.

The suggested donation per plot for the growing season is \$40.00. The donation is to cover cost of water, and other garden expenses. Please make checks payable to the **Chikaming Planting Field**.

- I have read the attached guidelines and rules of the Chikaming Planting Field and agree to abide by them.
- I agree to donate a day (8 hours) to the donation garden during the growing season.
- I understand that gardening may entail certain risks of injury, illness or accidents. I understand that neither the members nor leadership team of the Chikaming Planting Field, nor the owners of the land (Chikaming Township) are responsible for my actions. I agree that the Chikaming Planting Field members and leadership, Chikaming Township, and the township Park Board are not liable for any injury, illness, accident, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with my use of the garden or garden equipment by me or any of my guests.

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Printed Name of Gardener:

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Printed Name of Joint Gardener, if any

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Signature and Date

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Please return completed application with signed agreement attached and payment to:

Chikaming Township Office  
Attn: **Chikaming Planting Field**  
13535 Red Arrow Highway  
PO Box 40  
Harbert MI 49115

For information or questions please contact: Arthur H. Anderson (269) 586-4315; e-mail: [arthurhanderson@aol.com](mailto:arthurhanderson@aol.com)  
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## Guidelines and Rules

- I understand that this community garden has a goal, to help neighbors in need through donating produce to local food pantries, churches and other charitable organizations in the area. To that end, I agree to donate a day of my time in the garden (8 hours) to the donation portion of the Planting Field gardens during the growing season. The leadership committee understands that many gardeners have busy schedules or are part time residents, so opportunities will be provided for self directed tasks in the donation garden on their own schedule, for example, weeding a portion of the donation garden before or after their work in their individual gardens, if they are unable to join in on any planned work days.
- I agree to contribute a donation of \$40 per 20 x20 foot plot per season to help cover garden expenses. (The donation is recommended, and in cases of need, a garden grant may be available.)
- I will garden organically and consult with the garden leadership about appropriate fertilizers and pest management if the latter proves necessary. In practicing "organic gardening", the Planting Field will follow guidelines and recommendations of the Michigan State University Agricultural Extension, although other sources may be used.
- I will keep weeds in my plot at a minimum and maintain the areas surrounding my plot free of trash and litter. I agree to keep the area around my plot free of any obstructions that interfere with mowing the paths.
- I will not encroach on my neighbors plot. If I plant tall crops or erect structures, I will place them where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will not plant invasive species on my plot. If I plant spreading perennials (for example: mint) I will contain the plantings with barriers.
- I will be conservative in my use of water, and agree not to use sprinklers, or leave soaker hoses or running water unattended.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission from another plot holder.
- I will clean up my plot at the end of the season. If I am not returning the following season I will remove any equipment or structures on the plot.
- I will observe sanitary handling procedures for manure and compost.
- As pets can cause damage to plantings, I agree not to bring pets into the fenced area of the community garden.
- If my plot becomes unkempt or neglected, I understand I will be given notice and have one (1) week to respond to the garden leadership. If I fail to respond or promptly fix the problem, the plot may be reassigned, or tilled in, or mowed.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership.
- I agree to abide by any applicable township park rules.
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