



# PROJECT GROW

## 2009 Garden Application

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Your Name	Full Address	Day & Evening Phone Numbers, Email
		D: E: Email:

Names of Other Gardeners	Addresses of Other Gardeners	Phone Number and Email

**Community Garden Perennial plots:** A limited number exist at County Farm, Greenview, Hillside Terrace, Food Gatherers, Lakewood and Airport community gardens and can be rented by returning Project Grow gardeners.

Would you be interested in a perennial plot at one of the gardens listed above if one became available? YES  NO

<b>PLOT FEES:</b>	<b>Note about Plot Fees:</b> Fees are listed below on a sliding scale. The lower number is the subsidized rate; it does not cover the actual cost of the plot. The higher number is the full cost that Project Grow pays to provide your plot. Please pay the highest amount that you can. To inquire about low-income fees, call the office at (734) 996-3169.
	<b>Instructions-Community Gardens:</b> 1) Circle the plot fee and place a "1" next to it for your first choice of garden site & size. 2) Circle the plot fee and place a "2" next to it for your second choice of garden site & size should the first not be available. <b>Instructions-Discovery Gardens:</b> 1) Circle the plot fee for each category as needed.

### Community Gardens

	Airport	Buhr	Catholic Social Services	County Farm	Clague	Greenview	Lakewood	Mitchell	Matthaei	Food Gatherers
Full Plot	\$105-135	\$105-135	\$89-113	\$105-135	\$95-125	\$105-135	\$89-113	\$89-113	\$95-125	\$89-113
Half Plot	\$72-87	\$72-87	\$62-74	\$72-87	\$62-74	\$72-87	\$62-74	\$62-74	\$62-74	\$62-74

	Hillside Terrace									
Full Plot	\$105-135									
Half Plot	\$72-87									

### Discovery Gardens

	Easy Access (accessible) 1 plot	Easy Access (accessible) 2 plots	Wise Roots (seniors) 1 plot	Wise Roots (seniors) 2 plots	Wonder Sprouts (children) 1 plot, 1-2 youth	Wonder Sprouts (children) 2 plots, 2-4 youth
Leslie Science Center	\$40-75	\$65-105	\$40-75	\$65-105	\$55-75	\$75-115
County Farm Park	\$40-75	\$65-105	\$40-75	\$65-105	\$55-75	\$75-115

**Returning gardeners:** If you want the same Community Garden plot as last year, please check here:  and return this form by **March 15!**

If you want the same Discovery Garden plot as last year, please check here:  and return this form by **March 15!**

\*\*\*If you supply an email address Project Grow will confirm your plot application via email\*\*\*.

**MEMBERSHIP FEE:** Project Grow requires a one time \$20 membership fee for new Community Gardeners, payable with registration. Discovery Garden plots do not currently require a membership fee.

<b>PAYMENT:</b>	<b>Plot Fees</b> (Community Gardeners include fee for first choice from tables above)	\$
NOTE: Garden plots cannot be assigned until payment is received.	<b>Membership Fee:</b> (see description above)	\$
	<b>Tax-Deductible Donation</b> (optional): All donations to Project Grow, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, are tax-deductible!	\$
	<b>Total Amount Enclosed:</b>	\$

## Gardening Agreement

(please read carefully and sign below)

As a Project Grow gardener, I agree to:

1. Abide by the *Project Grow Gardening and Land Use Policies*.
2. Take steps to maintain and improve the soil in my plot.
3. Keep my plot and the pathways adjacent to it well maintained and free of weeds.
4. Notify the Project Grow office immediately if I cannot maintain my plot for any reason during the rental period. Failure to notify may result in forfeiture of the right to garden with Project Grow in the future.
5. Begin gardening in my Community Garden only after plots have been officially staked out in the spring and/or in my Discovery Garden only after plots have been officially assigned in the spring.
6. Clear my community garden plot of all non-organic materials (fencing, large rocks, string, wire, stakes, etc.) and shred or remove all large or woody plant debris, no later than the end of the day on October 17th, 2009. I understand that if my Community Garden plot is left in a condition unsuitable for plowing, or if a perennial plot is left in a condition that does not comply with the perennial policy, or if my Discovery Garden plot is left with either non-organic or organic materials without permission of the site coordinator, I may forfeit the right to garden with Project Grow in the future.
7. Observe the specific guidelines for my garden site (received with the plot rental confirmation).
8. Accept that Project Grow assumes no liability for persons or property in the gardens.

**Failure to garden in accordance with this Gardening Agreement may result in immediate expulsion from the garden or forfeiture of the right to garden with Project Grow in the future.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Gardener & Date

\_\_\_\_\_   
Other Gardener & Date

**MAIL TO:** Please sign the Gardening Agreement on the back and mail this form, Gardener Survey, and a check to:  
**Project Grow, 1831 Traver Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105**

**VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT:** As a Project Grow gardener, you are a member of a community of neighbors. You are expected to make a meaningful contribution of time (at least two hours per month in the gardening season) to your garden community. To find out what is needed at your site, please ask your Site Coordinator. Listed below are tasks in which your contribution of time is most helpful to the running of your garden:

**Garden Work Parties for Community Gardens:** Maintenance or other tasks needed at each site. Approximately 1.5 hours each:

Stake Out garden plots (around May 1)	August Work Party
June Work Party	Clean Up garden plots (October 18 <sup>th</sup> )
July Work Party	

**Garden Work Parties for Discovery Gardens:** Maintenance or other tasks needed at each site. Approximately 1.5 hours each:

Discovery Garden kick-off (around mid-May)	End of season clean-up (around mid-October)
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As a non profit organization with a very small staff, Project Grow also has an ongoing need in the following areas. Please check any where you may be able to offer volunteer assistance, we will call you:

- ⊖ **Events:** Assist in planning and organizing money-making, educational and community awareness events for Project Grow.
- ⊖ **Fundraising & Grantwriting:** Assist Project Grow's staff and Board in planning and undertaking strategies to ensure Project Grow's financial stability. .
- ⊖ **Food Bank Coordinator:** Organize gleaning of surplus garden produce for contribution to Food Gatherers or other organizations, who will distribute produce to those in need (you will be contacted in June or July).
- ⊖ **Education:** Work with or be part of Project Grow's education committee, teach a class, write a gardening information article.
- ⊖ **Newsletter:** Contribute articles, assist with layout, help find sponsors & advertisers.
- ⊖ **Discovery Garden:** Help maintain the educational gardens at the Leslie Science Center and at the County Farm Park. Many possible ways to help, from theme garden care to assisting seniors or children with their gardens.
- ⊖ **Office Skills:** Support Project Grow staff by aiding with data entry, mailings, filing etc.

**I also have these special skills that might help Project Grow:** \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION TWO:** *Your responses to the following questions will help us to identify your needs and interests, as we continue to develop quality educational resources for Project Grow gardeners and the community. Please rate your answers on a scale from 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest level of importance and 1 being the lowest.*

1. How important to you is each of these reasons for gardening with Project Grow?

1 2 3 4 5 Community Involvement

1 2 3 4 5 Not Enough Space at Home

1 2 3 4 5 Save Money

1 2 3 4 5 Poor Growing Conditions at Home

1 2 3 4 5 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. How important to you is each of the following benefits of gardening?

1 2 3 4 5 Growing Your Own Food

1 2 3 4 5 Financial Savings

1 2 3 4 5 Exercise

1 2 3 4 5 Recreation

1 2 3 4 5 Self Expression

1 2 3 4 5 Contact With Nature

1 2 3 4 5 Sensory Pleasure

1 2 3 4 5 Peacefulness & Quiet

1 2 3 4 5 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Which of the following would make your gardening experience more enjoyable (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_\_ Knowing More About Gardening

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Opportunities to Socialize with Other Gardeners

4. Please indicate how interested you would be to learn about each of the following :

1 2 3 4 5 Deciding what to plant in your garden

1 2 3 4 5 Figuring out when to plant different seeds/seedlings

1 2 3 4 5 Improving the soil in your garden

1 2 3 4 5 Planning your garden layout

1 2 3 4 5 Proper harvesting

1 2 3 4 5 Getting an early start (coldframes, light tables, etc.)

1 2 3 4 5 Composting

1 2 3 4 5 Identifying and managing weeds

1 2 3 4 5 Preparing your garden for winter

1 2 3 4 5 Buying/ordering seeds and growing plants from seed

1 2 3 4 5 Food preservation and storage

1 2 3 4 5 Identifying and managing plant diseases

1 2 3 4 5 Learning to garden organically

1 2 3 4 5 Identifying and managing insect and animal pests

5. Project Grow offers classes and workshops to Project Grow members and the general public throughout the year. If there are particular classes that you would like to see us offer, please use the space below to let us know about them.