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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Alternate Phone _____

City and Zip _____ E Mail _____

**Most garden communication will be by e-mail. It is the renter's responsibility to keep a valid email on file.*

Plot Size

10' x 30' (300 sq. feet)

\$35 resident \$40 non-resident

As a plot participant in the Tiffin Community Gardens, I agree to:

- Be responsible for the maintenance and care of my plot.
- Plant within the dimensions of my assigned plot.
- Remove debris, weed, and plant my plot **by May 20**. (dependent on date of last frost).
- Use only non-synthetic methods on my garden plot. No chemical fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides, or fungicides are allowed.
- Not plant perennial plants or sweet corn.
- Use only newspaper or cardboard covered by mulch for weed barriers. A mulch pile will be maintained near the gardens and mulch use is encouraged to help control weeds.
- If I am away for more than 10 days, I will make arrangements with someone to care for my plot.
- I will notify the Parks staff supervisor of the garden plots if I am unable to harvest or care for my plot.
- I will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will not have a water barrel or storage unit on my plot. The only vertical structure allowed is a maximum of 48" wire or like material fence or support cage/poles for supporting plant material. Fence will be kept in good condition and not allowed to sag.
- I agree that if I receive notice for my plot being not reasonably weed free or unkept, I will address within three days or my plot may be reassigned. If I receive 3 plot notices in one gardening season my plot will automatically be reassigned.
- I will prepare my plot for winter **by October 31** by removing all plant material, support materials (cages/stakes), weed barriers like cardboard or thick newspapers, and any fencing. Newspaper that is starting to shred and decompose can be left to be tilled into the soil.
- I will keep trash and litter picked up on my plot and or adjacent paths and garden area. The gardens have a "Pack It In, Pack It Out" policy. No trash receptacles are provided; all organic matter may be deposited to the garden waste area.
- I will leave the plot markers in plot where they have been placed so each plot is identifiable.

- I understand plots are non-transferable.
- I understand that fencing cannot extend beyond the plot borders or if assigned multiple adjacent plots, the pathway (if present) must be maintained between plots. Please do not fasten fencing to the corner stakes.
- I understand no garden hoses are allowed and that I will place all garden waste in the designated area for compost exchange.

Common Principles

- I will help keep the garden area looking respectable including pulling weeds on mulch paths near my space.
- I will notify staff of vandalism, theft, inappropriate behavior, or other questions or concerns.
- Children will be directly supervised by an adult age 16 years of age and older.
- No pets will be brought to the garden except service animals.
- There is no smoking in the community garden.
- I understand that I cannot sell produce on site.

Definitions:

Reasonably weed free: defined as not having weeds standing higher than 8 inches, not having weeds that have seeded or are near seeding, or allowing grass or low growing weeds to take over the plot.
 Unkept or weedy: is not reasonably weed free or plot is left with trash, rotten produce, and/or is in disarray.

Inherent Risk:

By applying to participate for this parks and recreation program, I realize the inherent risks involved in the program and appreciate the nature of these tasks. The applicant(s) hold the City of Tiffin harmless for any damage caused by participation in these programs. The City provides no medical insurance. Participants registering for activities of strenuous nature are encouraged to see physician’s approval.

Signature

Date

Return to: Tiffin City Hall
 300 Railroad St

Garden Supervisor- Jonas Zimmerman (319)930-1692