

2017 Returning Gardener Burlington Area Community Gardens Registration Form

Please complete the registration form, sign the gardening agreement (on back of form), and mail with check to:

BACG Burlington Parks & Recreation
645 Pine Street, Suite B
Burlington, Vermont 05401

Gardens are non-refundable and cannot be reserved without full payment. Credit Cards will be accepted in person at address listed to the left.

For Office Use Only Name: _____

Primary Gardener

Name _____ Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Primary Phone _____
 *Email (required) _____

***IMPORTANT Please note:** E-mail is the primary method of communication for the BACG program. You may request an alternative communication plan by contacting Dan Cahill, Land Steward—863-0420.

Additional Gardeners (please list any gardeners who will be working on your plot with you)

Name _____ E-mail _____ Name _____ E-mail _____

Compost

BACG and Green Mountain Compost have teamed up to provide compost to BACG gardeners at discount. Using compost in your plot will greatly increase your crop yield, and it will also support the long term health of the garden. We recommend: 1-2 buckets for kitchen plots. 2-3 for quarter plots. 3-6 for half plots. 5-10 for full plots. (There are approx. 35 buckets in a yard).
<http://www.greenmountaincompost.com/>



Mulch Hay Bales & Straw Bales

Gardeners can order hay or straw bales through BACG and have it delivered to the garden site in late May/early June. Using hay/straw as mulch conserves water, adds organic matter to the soil, and reduces weeding. Don't let those weeds catch you in July and August! BACG recommends 5-7 bales of hay for a full plot, 3-5 bales per half plot, and 1 bale per quarter plot. Gardeners at Myrtle Street, Riverside, and Archibald should consider sharing bales as the plots are so small.

Straw is seedless and Hay is not.

Please note: BACG is not responsible for lost or stolen hay after it is delivered to the site. BACG will not replace stolen or lost hay.

ALL MATERIALS USED IN THE GARDEN MUST BE ORGANIC

Description	Qty	Cost	Amnt
Full Plot (approx. 750 sq ft) (Champlain, Med Center, Starr Farm North/South, Tommy Thompson, UVM Wheelock, WVDP)		\$60.00	\$ _____
Half Plot (250-350 sq ft) (Calahan, Champlain, Lakeview, Med Cntr, New Discovery, Rock Pnt North, Starr Farm North/West/South, Tommy Thompson, UVM Wheelock, WVDP)		\$37.00	\$ _____
Quarter Plot (100-200 sq. ft) (Baird, Calahan, New Discovery, Starr Farm Quarter Plots)		\$25.00	\$ _____
Kitchen Plot (under 90sq. ft.) (Archibald, Calahan, Myrtle St., Riverside)		\$15.00	\$ _____
Hay Bales		\$6.00	\$ _____
Straw Bales		\$8.00	\$ _____
Compost (5 gallon bucket)		\$1.50	\$ _____
Non-Resident Fee (Burlington)		\$10.00	\$ _____
Scholarship Donation		tax deductible	\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

Site: _____

Date: _____

Payment info: _____

Garden Site Location

Garden Site Name: _____

If available, would you prefer the same plot from this past season? No Yes

Are you interested increasing your plot size? No Yes

(Gardeners with plot increase/change requests will receive confirmation by February 1, 2017.)

If available, are you interested in a no-till site? No Yes

Special needs, comments or request for site placement: _____

(over please)

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Community Work

Each gardener (or team of gardeners) are required to sign up and participate in 4 hours of community work. If you cannot make it to scheduled community work days, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with your site leader for an individual assignment.. **Your site leader will contact you in the spring to confirm your site's work day schedule.**

Reed Garden Scholarship Information

Participants with limited income households are eligible for the BACG Reed Garden Scholarship Fund. Scholarships provide 50% of the plot fee for one full, half, or quarter per eligible household. The scholarship fund is raised through gardener donations below. Plants and seeds are also available via Community Action. If you would like to take part in the scholarship program please have your payments reflect the scholarship amount and a staff member will follow up with you. If you have any questions, please call Dan Cahill at (802)-863-0420.

Volunteering—Giving Back to the Garden

Are you interested in supporting your community garden site? BACG has many opportunities for gardeners to become involved. Volunteer to be a site coordinator and lead a community work day. Join the Special Event Committee and help organize our Spring Potluck and/or our Summer Potluck. Gardeners are also encouraged to attend and become involved on the Advisory Board which helps shape policy and coordinators educational and social events. Interested gardeners should mark below and will be contacted with further information.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Board |

Important Dates

****Registration Deadline to Maintain Returning Gardener Status — December 15, 2017** (all registrations received after this date will not be guaranteed the same plot assignment.)

****New Gardener Registration Period - February 1—March 15, 2017 ***Deadline to order hay is April 29, 2017**

**** Tentative Tilling Dates and Garden Site Openings will be Announced in the March eNews (available the week of March 27, 2017)**

Gardener Agreement

- I agree to learn and follow site guidelines and the **BACG Plot Maintenance Policy**, to maintain a spirit of cooperation with my fellow gardeners and volunteer site coordinators, and to notify my site coordinator if my contact information changes.
- **ALL MATERIALS USED IN THE GARDEN MUST BE ORGANIC**
- I agree to begin planting in my plot by May 19th (or within two weeks of my site opening for the season). I understand if I do not comply, my plot will be forfeited to someone on the waiting list.
- I agree to weed and maintain my plot throughout the summer. I understand that if my plot is overrun with weeds on or after June 15th, 2017 my plot will be forfeited to someone on the waiting list.
- I agree to harvest my produce in a timely manner and remove plants that are no longer producing.
- I agree to participate or have a representative participate in at least **4 hours of community projects**.
- I agree to clean up my plot by removing all material including cold weather crops prior to the final Community Work Day at my site. I understand that if I do leave vegetables in my plot that they will be harvested by volunteers and donated to the Food shelf.

By signing below, I take full responsibility as a BACG gardener for the agreement above.

Signature _____ Date _____