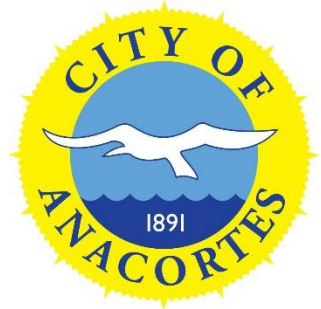




Anacortes Community Gardens 29th Street Garden

GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION 2023



Name _____

Address* _____

Day Phone _____ Eve. Phone _____

Email _____

*(Residents with a permanent Anacortes mailing address are eligible for a plot)

Requested plot size & fees:

Below is a list of plot sizes that are available at the 29th Street Community Garden. For plots that have extended to the east/west fence lines, or are otherwise oversized, an additional fee of \$10 is applied.

- ___ Full plot (11 x 24 @ \$60/year)
- ___ Oversized plot (over 11 x 24) @ \$70/year
- ___ Half plot (10 x 12 @ \$30/year)
- ___ Full ADA plot (~30ft² @ \$25/year)

Each gardener is required to contribute 10 volunteer hours annually to maintain the common areas of the garden or assist with administrative duties. Please choose areas of interest by first and second choice:

- ___ Facilitator
- ___ Secretary
- ___ Treasurer
- ___ Food Bank Plot Committee
- ___ Shed and Tools maintenance
- ___ Compost Committee
- ___ Perimeter Committee
- ___ Work Party Organizing including fall clean up
- ___ Record keeper – log of volunteer hours, food bank donations
- ___ Education and social event Committee

You can help with as many areas as you want, but we need to ensure everything is covered.

NOTE: Please turn page over and complete the back side of the application.

29th Street Community Garden Application – Continued

I have read the current ***Rights and Responsibilities*** for the 29th Street Community Garden and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I fail to do so, I may lose my plot assignment and it will be reassigned. _____ (**initial**)

Liability Waiver

I understand that neither the garden committee nor the City of Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for my actions. I release and hold harmless The City of Anacortes, Anacortes Parks Foundation and any of its officials, employees, volunteers, and agents and agree to waive any right of recovery that I may have to bring a claim or lawsuit for damages against them for any personal injury or death or other harmful consequences occurring from my voluntary participation in this activity, except for the sole negligence of the City of Anacortes. ***Any additional gardeners who will work in this plot must also sign this waiver/application.*** _____(initial)

_____ (Print name) _____ (Signature)

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NOTE: Add additional names and signatures below as needed

Submit completed application to Anacortes Parks & Recreation Department, Attn: Community Gardens, P.O. Box 547, Anacortes WA, 98221; if renewing, include check for annual fee. New applicants wait to be notified of plot availability.

Make Checks Payable to: Anacortes Parks Foundation – Community Garden

-----***For ACG committee use***-----

Plot# _____ Fee Payment _____ Check# _____

Placed on waiting list on _____



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Rights & Responsibilities 2023



*The 29th Street Community Garden is a wonderful public resource.
Our mission is to provide recreation, to enhance the environment, to encourage education,
to be sustainable and create a point of pride for Anacortes.
In order to maintain the garden as a safe, healthy and pleasant place for all participants and neighbors,
gardeners agree to the following rights and responsibilities:*

1. Follow **The Golden Rule**: Treat others as you would like to be treated—be friendly and considerate of both your fellow gardeners, their gardens, and the surrounding neighborhood.
2. **Management**: A garden liaison will be assigned by the Anacortes Parks Department to facilitate yearly start up and provide a contact to the city. Gardeners will choose a Garden Coordinator to oversee operations. 29th street gardeners will meet regularly to review, discuss and decide on garden issues, needs and budget purchases. An annual budget will be decided in the spring, with adjustments made as needed.
3. Each gardener is expected to contribute **ten volunteer hours annually** to general garden tasks (see plot application form for suggestions). You may invite others to work with you to satisfy this requirement. ***Volunteer hour requirement must be met as a condition of renewing your plot for a subsequent year.***
4. **Children** are welcome in the garden; they must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
5. Leave **pets** at home and help keep stray or feral animals out of the garden by closing the fence gates.
6. **Smoking, alcohol, drugs, and firearms** are not allowed in the garden.
7. The last gardener to leave *at any hour* must make sure that the **shed is locked, (both dead bolt and knob)** and all **gates are securely closed**.
8. To maintain the garden as a peaceful place, **amplified music** (boom boxes, radios) is not permitted; quiet hours are observed from 9 P.M. to 8 A.M. out of respect for neighboring residents.
9. This is an organic garden, and **non-organic pesticides and herbicides are not allowed**. Compost is produced onsite and is available to all.
10. Gardeners may establish their own **layout of beds** and paths within the dimensions of their assigned garden plots. Beds may be raised a maximum of 18 inches from path height. All fencing or support structures must be installed completely within the plot, not shade other plots, and be made of easily removable materials. The cost of materials is the responsibility of the gardener and not part of the garden plot fee.
11. When **choosing plants**, consider the impact of shade, self-seeding, and spreading, etc., on other plots. Choose plants that will grow 8 feet or less above the general soil level.
12. **Woody plants** (vines, canes, shrubs) that shade and can encroach on neighboring plots or common walkways are not permitted in individual plots.
13. Gardeners are responsible for their **garden waste**. Conscientious weeding helps prevent seeds from spreading to other plots. Garden cuttings, weeds and vegetable waste from this community garden should be placed in the designated compost area, according to posted guidelines. Do not

add household or yard waste unless approved by compost coordinator. Gardeners may also compost within their own garden boundaries.

14. **Garbage and recycling bins** are provided; please recycle all acceptable materials (listed on the bulletin board).
15. **Hand tool use** avoids noise disturbance and air pollution. Power tools are not allowed except on occasion of a scheduled work party or tilling days and by Parks staff for periodic maintenance. Several sets of **shared hand tools** are kept in the shed for garden use. When finished using a tool, clean it off and return it to its storage location in the shed. A limited number of mailboxes are available for personal tool storage. Keep shed door closed and lock when leaving.
16. **Water** is provided free by the city; please conserve this valuable resource. No overhead sprinklers. Watering must be monitored by a gardener during the entire watering period. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water or maintain their plot in their absence.
17. Please **respect others' plots**: do not enter or disturb or remove anything—including weeds—unless the gardener is present and/or has given permission. Taking food or damaging others' plots will be grounds for forfeiture of your plot. Complaints should be brought up at the garden meeting for discussion, review and/or action.
18. **Sale or transfer of a plot assignment is not permitted.** Vacated plots will be reassigned per the priority of an established wait list.
19. To be promptly informed about garden news or changes, gardeners should notify the garden coordinator of any changes in **contact information** (phone number, email, mailing address) from their original application.
20. **Maintenance** of garden plots is expected. Contact another gardener to tend your plot if you anticipate being unable to maintain your plot for a period longer than two weeks.
21. If a plot is being neglected or a gardener fails to respect the garden rights and responsibilities, the gardeners will discuss at the next meeting. The garden coordinator will contact the gardener to discuss the problem, see if the plot will be taken care of or vacated. If the gardener can't be reached or does not correct the problem within two weeks, the gardeners reserve the right to take interim action to address the problem and/or to reassign the plot.
22. If **deciding to stop using a plot**, notify the coordinator. The plot should be left empty, clean and ready for another gardener to use. Raised beds must be left intact. Plot improvements remain with the plot if the gardener decides to leave the garden. Example, if a gardener adds a frame to their plot, the frame is considered a permanent change to the plot and will remain at the plot.

I agree to abide by the above Garden Rights and Responsibilities: _____
Signature

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Enjoy your garden community!

Anacortes Community Gardens is a program of the Anacortes Parks and Recreation Department/Anacortes Parks Foundation. The Department seeks to preserve and enhance the quality of life that our residents enjoy by providing quality recreational facilities and opportunities and diverse community-wide programs to fulfill the recreational needs of youth, seniors, and adults, regardless of age, race, sex, wealth, or ability.