



## Marymoor Community Gardeners Association

### 2019 MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

Welcome! The Marymoor Community Gardeners Association or "MCGA" is a non-profit gardening organization, operating in Marymoor Park through a concession agreement with King County Parks. MCGA is required by King County Parks System to provide administrative oversight, insurance, and some maintenance of the garden site.

The MCGA is open to the public, for an annual user fee plus a community service commitment. Gardeners agree to follow all King County Park rules, and MCGA rules included in this contract.

In addition to being a gardening resource for our local community, MCGA operates a 4,000+ square feet of garden space to provide produce for Hopelink's food bank.

MCGA has been operating as an all-volunteer association since 2003. That spirit of volunteerism is what makes us a success today! We look forward to gardening with you.

***Please read the following carefully and return the signed agreement page with your application. Please return the last two pages along with your payment.*** If you have any questions or comments, please email the MCGA Board of Directors at [board@marymoorgarden.org](mailto:board@marymoorgarden.org).

### **RULES (The full set of Rules are on the website: ([www.marymoorgarden.org](http://www.marymoorgarden.org)))**

#### **a. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**

The requirements to be in good standing are:

1. Plot fees of \$75.00/full plot and \$37.50/half plot are fully paid up.
2. Annual community service requirement: 8 hours per full-size plot, and 4 hours for half-size plots. Community service hours are to be completed and reported by the final work party of the season.
3. Cultivation deadline is May 1st and plots must be weeded and maintained throughout the season.

#### **b. CONDITIONS OF TERMINATION**

1. Failure to comply with the conditions of membership.
2. Verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
3. Removal of vegetables, flowers, or garden equipment without the renter's consent, as well as intentional damage to a garden plot, is subject to prosecution in accordance with King County Ordinance 6798:7.12.550.7.

### c. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Growing vegetables and flowers for commercial use is prohibited. Growing trees is also prohibited.
2. Gardens may be cultivated year-round (Please note: water is turned off from October 15th through April 15th).
3. Gardeners are responsible for providing their own tools. MCGA provides tools for Food Bank Garden use only.
4. Prior to building any structure in your plot, permission must be obtained from the Board. Contact [board@marymoorgarden.org](mailto:board@marymoorgarden.org). No permanent structures or pressure treated wood are allowed in plots.
5. Berries and grape vines can easily get out of control. These types of plants should be kept within a 10' x 3' area, staked or trellised, with at least a two foot path around the row to keep from encroaching on neighbors' plot.

### d. REGISTRATION

1. Garden registration is open to new gardeners from January 1 to August 31.
2. The maximum number of plots that a first-year gardener/family/group may rent is one.
3. The maximum number of plots a gardener/family/group may rent is four.
4. The maximum number of plots a gardener/family/group may expand to is one per year starting their second year, and they must be in good standing.
5. Returning gardeners have first preference to the plots they rented the previous year, IF their application and payment are received by February 28 and they are in good standing.
6. Gardeners may not transfer their plot(s) to unregistered parties or other MCGA gardeners.
7. If you no longer wish to garden, please notify the MCGA Registrar as soon as possible and remove all tools and plants from your garden.

### e. GARDEN SAFE, GARDEN ECO-FRIENDLY.

Our community garden follows stringent eco-friendly practices. Our goal is to have a positive impact on local wildlife and the environment and to follow the rules set out by the King County Parks System. With your help, we will keep the gardens safe for future generations.

1. Repellants: The use of synthetic chemicals that act as weed killers, pesticides, fungicides, etc. are prohibited (examples include Roundup weed killer and Corry's Slug & Snail Death). However, organic methods for controlling weeds and pests are encouraged (examples include Sluggo and Safer Insecticidal Soap brands).
2. Fertilizers: The use of synthetic fertilizers in powder form or in pre-packaged potting soils is prohibited. Organic fertilizers are encouraged (examples include composted manures, as well as plant, animal, and mineral sources of nutrients).
3. Raw manure from any animal is prohibited. Manures must be fully composted. No human waste allowed.
4. Building materials: The use of pressure-treated wood is prohibited! Paint or stain must be safe for vegetable gardening and applied outside of the garden.
5. Water is MCGA's largest expense and driver of plot rental fees. Please use water wisely.

If you're unsure if a repellent or fertilizer is appropriate for the garden, look for the OMRI logo on the product labeling. Products with the OMRI logo are safe. (See below).

If you have questions, visit the [website FAQ](#) or contact us at <mailto:board@marymoorgarden.org>.



MCGA is an online community too! Please visit <http://marymoorgarden.org> for the latest garden information. We can also be found on Facebook simply by doing a search for marymoorgarden We have an active blog at <http://mcgaboard.blogspot.com>, and Instragram at <https://www.instagram.com/marymoorcommunitygarden/>.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS PREFERENCE LIST

Please take a moment to look at the list of community service opportunities available to you this season. All count equally towards your **required 4 or 8 hours** per plot. Please remember that it is your responsibility to fulfill your hours; friends and family may also contribute to your hours.

**NOTE: All MCGA community service hours must be pre-approved by the Board.**

If you have any questions about the community service hours, please contact the service coordinator at [servicecoord@marymoorgarden.org](mailto:servicecoord@marymoorgarden.org). Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Depending on what you chose as a community service hours preference, your name will either be placed on an email group list (food bank worker bee or grounds maintenance), **OR** you may be contacted directly by the service coordinator.

- 1. Food Bank Section Manager** – Be a part of the food bank’s leadership team. Help plan and maintain the Hopelink Gardens, a wonderful addition to the community that feeds needy individuals and families. Duties include organizing and supervising work parties plus contacting gardeners to let them know what needs attention in the food bank garden.
- 2. Food Bank Worker Bee** – Weed and water the food bank gardens during the growing season. Keep paths and work areas clean and tidy. Clean out coolers when necessary. Be on the lookout for work party emails and sign up for work parties. Keep an eye on the white board in the food bank for “do-it-yourself” chores.
- 3. Row Monitor** – Sign up to be a part of the site leadership team. Commitments include overseeing plot rule compliance and plot use. Responsibilities include walking the rows, making notes of individual plots, and contacting gardeners via phone or email regarding their plot(s). Row monitors will work closely with the service coordinator and the president. We require weekly check-ins and/or communication reports (very informal), so we can stay abreast of how things are going in your area. Being a “people person” is a plus!
- 4. Produce Driver** – Commit to delivering harvested produce to Hopelink at least once a week. We need individuals who can lift heavy crates filled with produce as well as collect and return produce receipts to the food bank mailbox. It is very important that produce drivers be extra dependable and reliable; needy families are counting on you!
- 5. Grounds Maintenance Crew** – Help keep the communal parts of the garden mowed, weeded and debris free. There are many “do-it-yourself” tasks for those who are self-motivated. This is a great alternative for those who cannot make it to work parties that occur mostly on weekends.
- 6. TLC Committee (Tender Loving Care)** – A group of interested gardeners who are available to help other gardeners. They will provide TEMPORARY seasonal aid and assistance to MCGA members in good standing that have unforeseen illness, surgery, or family emergencies.
- 7. Worker Bee** – Participate in our group wide work parties which are held 2-3 times a year. You can easily fulfill your volunteer commitment by signing up for 2 work parties a year (4 hours each time). Usually these occur at the beginning and end of the active growing season.

**Make your choice(s) and sign the community service agreement on page 4, noting your selections.**

**Please keep these first 3 pages for your records.**

**Return completed pages 4 and 5 along with your payment.**

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Please read and sign the following agreements and return this page with your application.

## CONDITIONS OF MCGA MEMBERSHIP

I wish to join/rejoin the Marymoor Community Gardeners Association (MCGA).

I agree to the following **Hold Harmless Clause**: (required by King County Parks Department). The undersigned adult on behalf of themselves, their child and/or children, agrees to protect, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless King County and Marymoor Community Garden Association, its officers, officials, employees, and agents from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments, or costs of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities of said individual King County Park System Programs except for those acts of commissions which are the sole negligence of the County.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read the rules and understand the conditions of membership in MCGA. I understand that failure to comply will result in non-renewal/non-approval of my application and/or termination of gardening privileges.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS AGREEMENT

Contributing time to the maintenance of your association is the hallmark of our garden and allows us to operate. We all need your help to make the MCGA a success!

REQUIRED COMMUNITY HOURS: 8 HOURS FOR EACH FULL SIZE PLOT (10'x40') and 4 HOURS FOR EACH HALF SIZE PLOT (10'x20')

- A. Gardeners are responsible for contributing time to the collective areas of the garden; this does not include time taking care of your own garden.
- B. You must complete & record your hours on the clipboard in the Food bank or on the MCGA website.
- C. Community hours are to be **completed by the last work party of the season**, which is approximately mid-**October**. *Gardeners unable to fulfill their hours automatically have their plots returned to the rental pool on this date.*

To help us match your community service interests with garden tasks, please indicate your preferences below:

**Use the Community Service Hours Preference List (page 4) and indicate your choices below (ex: "6. Worker Bee"):**

1<sup>st</sup> Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to meet the above conditions of MCGA membership. For the number of plot(s) \_\_\_\_\_ I am renting, I also agree to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ hours and to communicate with the service coordinator in a timely manner regarding approved tasks and my hours.

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2019 APPLICATION FOR GARDEN PLOT

Please fill out the following, enclose your payment, this page and signed MCGA agreement (page 4) and mail to:

MCGA

PO BOX 133  
REDMOND, WA 98073-0133

Registration questions?

Email the Registrar at  
[mcga.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:mcga.registrar@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Evening phone number and  
email address are required!

E-mail address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Gardener Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Gardener E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If you do not speak English, supply a name, phone number and/or email of an English-speaking  
friend/family: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone and/or Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

I WANT TO DO THE FOLLOWING: *New gardeners only: plots are randomly assigned*

- I'm a NEW gardener and would like one FULL-SIZE plot (new gardeners are limited to one plot their 1<sup>st</sup> year)
- I'm a NEW gardener and would like one HALF-SIZE plot (new gardeners are limited to one plot their 1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Keep my current garden plot(s).
- Be assigned an additional plot: \_\_\_\_\_ (desired plot)
- Be assigned to a different plot: \_\_\_\_\_ (desired plot)

***Paid parking is required and enforced by Marymoor Park. You may purchase a multi-month parking pass directly from King County Parks (through their website or in person by following the signs to the maintenance office at the park). You may also purchase a day pass at the entrance of the park. The MCGA board no longer purchases and distributes King County Park parking permits.***

Each gardener may obtain a gardener identification decal. These will be available at the annual MCGA spring meeting (usually held in March) and at work parties held throughout the growing season. Please place the decal onto your inner left-front windshield when parking in the garden parking lot. The lot is for gardeners only, and the decal will identify you as a gardener.

### FEE CALCULATION SECTION

**Note: DO NOT pay for added plots until directed by the registrar to do so!**

Half plot = \$37.50 Full plot = \$75.00

**Your total due =  
number of rented plots  
X cost of each plot.**

**Make checks payable to MCGA. No cash or card payments.  
PLEASE RETURN PAGES 4 & 5 WITH PAYMENT!**



# C H E C K L I S T

Don't let your application become held-up (or even worse, unprocessed) due to errors! **Follow this checklist to ensure that your application is complete and correct...**

## (PAGE 4)

- Did you indicate your community service interests first, second and third preferences, total number of plots (needed to calculate the total amount due), sign and date at the bottom of the page?

## (PAGE 5)

- Did you completely fill-out your name, address, phone and/or email?
- Did you completely fill-out your co-gardener's information, if applicable?
- Did you specify whether you're a new or returning gardener and what type of plot(s) you want/have?

**Did you enclose your check payable to MCGA along with both pages 4 and 5?**

***Returning gardeners only! YOUR APPLICATION AND FEES MUST REACH US BY THE FEB. 28<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE or your existing plot(s) will be offered to new gardeners.***

Any questions? Please email us at [mcca.registrar@gmail.com](mailto:mcca.registrar@gmail.com)

Thank you for your interest in Marymoor Community Gardens. Happy gardening!

Sincerely,  
MCGA Registrar