



## Oakley Farm Community Garden

Oakley Drive and Wemrock Road , Freehold, NJ

**Mission Statement:** To provide an opportunity for community members to grow their own food and learn where that food comes from.

### 2017 COMMUNITY GARDEN SEASON: MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND RULES:

1. I understand that it is the responsibility of each gardener to follow the Community Garden Rules and to take an active role in the administration of the garden. All gardeners are required to attend the Annual Spring Orientation Meeting, March 26, 2017, 9:30 am, at Oakley Farm and to participate in the maintenance of both their garden plot and the common areas of the community garden. Applicants will be notified of their plot numbers and receive a Schedule of Required workdays at this meeting.
2. Garden plots are assigned on a first come/first serve basis. Garden plots are not transferable.
3. I agree to plant and tend to my plot by the designated date of June 1, 2017. If not I understand that my plot will be considered forfeited and given to the next person on the waiting list.
4. I will supply my own tools, seeds and plants.
5. I understand that the following crops are not allowed: corn, sunflowers, and invasive plants such as mint. Growing structures such as trellises or cages cannot be over 5 feet tall. No crop shall shade a neighboring garden. Perennial plants/herbs are not permitted in individual plots (ie. Strawberries, oregano) List of perennial plants will be available to gardeners.
6. I agree to be a steward of my plot and to plant a variety of crops each year. I understand that planting single crops such as only tomatoes or potatoes severely depletes the soil of vital nutrients and is therefore not permitted.
7. I will maintain my garden plot on a regular basis, including planting, watering, weeding and harvesting. I know that am also responsible for weeding those paths that are adjacent to my plot.
8. I will not harvest from anyone else's plot unless given permission by the garden plot owner to do so.
9. I will use only OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) approved products for pest and weed control in my plot. See complete list available at [omri.org](http://omri.org). Fertilizers must be labeled Organic.
10. I will turn off all water faucets, hose sprayers and main water valve(s) after each use, as well as coil all hoses neatly onto the post(s) provided. I will not drag hoses through any other gardeners' plot.
11. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand that I will be given 2 weeks' notice by email to clean it up. I further understand that failure to clean up the plot within the 2 weeks may result in forfeiture of my plot. At that time, my plot may be re-assigned or tilled over and any produce donated to charity.
12. I will remove any diseased, rotten or infected plants immediately so as not to affect other gardener's plants.
13. I will remove **ALL** plant material including weeds, as well as any decorative objects or structures and bring it back to its original state by October 31, 2017.
14. I am responsible for all trash & garden debris removal. Composting bins may not be available.
15. I agree to contribute volunteer hours toward community gardening efforts as needed and I agree to participate in mandatory scheduled work days in Spring and Fall as indicated in the Garden Schedule.
16. I agree that **ALL** visitors to the garden including guests, relatives, friends, volunteers or small children must be accompanied by a registered gardener at all times. No Pets are permitted in the garden.
17. I understand that the combination to the gate is for gardener access only and should not be shared.
18. I will NOT consume alcoholic beverages or smoke anywhere on the Oakley Farm property or in the garden.
19. If I am the last gardener to leave the garden I will be responsible to secure the garden and lock the gate.
20. In the spirit of cooperation, all gardeners shall treat the garden, other gardeners, neighbors and visitors with respect,
21. **If I fail to follow any of the above guidelines I understand that I may risk forfeiting my garden, losing my security deposit and I may not be eligible to return the following year.**

Please retain this page for future reference.

# OAKLEY FARM COMMUNITY GARDEN APPLICATION

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Email: ftcommunitygardentoakley@gmail.com

Applications will be accepted beginning October 2016

Instructions: Please retain page 1 "Membership responsibilities and rules."

Mail page 2 completed application form to:

Oakley Farm Community Garden  
% Freehold Township Heritage Society  
189B Wemrock Road  
Freehold, NJ 07728

I agree to pay a **non-refundable** garden plot fee of \$35 for a full plot or a \$20 **non-refundable fee** for a half plot to garden at the Oakley Farm Community Garden. **In addition I agree to pay a \$20 security deposit.** I understand that this **security deposit will be refundable only at the end of the garden season upon satisfactory cleanup of my garden plot.** These fees are due with this application in the form of a check or money order (no cash) made payable to "Freehold Township Heritage Society". Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

## 2017 Application Form

Applicant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by all of the rules and regulations for the  
Applicant Print name Co-Applicant Print Name (if applicable)

Oakley Farm Community Garden as provided, and understand that failure to do so may result in forfeiture of my plot, this permit and forfeiture of all fees. The applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless The Freehold Township Heritage Society, Freehold Township their employees, officials and volunteers thereof, for, from and against, any and all claims of any type or kind against the Society, the Township, or any of their bodies or agencies in any way relating to the community garden, including, but not limited to any and all claims for personal injury and property damage. This indemnity includes the costs incurred in defense of any such claim, whether or not such claim results in litigation and the reimbursement or payment of any and all moneys paid or incurred to such claimant, whether as a result of a judgment or settlement of such claim.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Co-Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Select only 1 plot per household

\$35 Full Plot (4 x 20ft) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 Half Plot (4x10ft) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 Security deposit \* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \* ( 2017 New gardeners only) (2016 Fee rolled over unless otherwise advised)

Total Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to "Freehold Township Heritage Society"

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON MAY 31, 2017

Office Use only:

Plot Assigned \_\_\_\_\_ Security deposit returned on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Security deposit rolled over \_\_\_\_\_