

Perkins Park Community Garden
Sponsored by Sustainable Braintree, Inc.
2020 Application & Contract Agreement – Valid 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020
(Complete all areas)

Gardener(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: (____) / _____ - _____ Cell Phone: (____) / _____ - _____

If cancelling garden membership:

_____ I am cancelling my membership for the 2020 season (please sign and date page 4 and return)

E-Mail Address: _____

May we make your email address visible in group messages to Perkins Park gardeners? Yes No

New Community Garden Plot Holders, please indicate the following:

_____ I am a novice gardener

_____ I would like a plot next to my friend (name): _____

If you had a garden plot last year, please indicate the following:

_____ I plan to maintain the same garden plot I had last season

_____ I am requesting a different garden plot, if available

_____ I am requesting an additional garden plot, if available (an additional \$30 fee will be due later)*

_____ I am requesting the raised garden bed, if available*

* First person to request based on postmark. *If you have any special requests or need assistance, please let us know and we will try to make every effort to accommodate your requests:* _____

- ✓ You must attach **PROOF OF BRAINTREE RESIDENCY** (license/current bill) to become a member of the community garden.
- ✓ **Deadline to receive 2020 application is 01/15/20, accompanied by payment in full for \$30 made out to Sustainable Braintree.**
- ✓ Current garden plot holders must follow all application procedures and their application must be received by 01/15/20 for “first option eligibility” consideration.
- ✓ In addition, if a plot becomes available *after* the waitlist notification (when applicable), residents within 300 feet of the Perkins Park property lines will have first option to unassigned garden plots. They must follow all application procedures.
- ✓ 6’x12’ plots will be assigned based on receipt of application. Late applicants (based on postmarked receipt of application) will be placed on a waiting list and assigned a plot if one becomes available mid-season. No garden plot assignments will be made until *after* the deadline date.
- ✓ No produce grown in the community garden may be sold for profit or used for any commercial purposes.
- ✓ There is no security for personal belongings.
- ✓ Failure to follow any garden or public area town rules and guidelines attached, after reasonable attempt to notify gardener, will result in loss of garden plot. Gardening member may seek to re-establish gardening privileges but will be asked to refrain from gardening until the issue is resolved.
- ✓ The community garden has been granted a license by the Town of Braintree to use its designated portion of Jonas Perkins Park. The Town of Braintree may revoke this license upon sixty days prior notice.
- ✓ Applicants agree to hold harmless Sustainable Braintree, Inc. and the Town of Braintree for any liability, damage, injury, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.

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2020 GUIDELINES, RULES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT

Perkins Park Community Garden is located in the upper level of Perkins Park, at the corner of Commercial and Liberty Streets, Braintree, Massachusetts. PPCG will be starting its eleventh season as a community garden sponsored by Sustainable Braintree. We will assign plots in a fair manner, based on prior year's membership, receipt by postmark date, prior year's participation in two garden group efforts, and all governing guidelines, rules and regulations set within this application. We are looking forward to the 2020 growing year and will continue promoting organic gardening efforts within our community.

GARDEN ETIQUETTE

- Please introduce yourself to other gardeners to build a stronger gardening community!
- If planting tall crops, do so where they will not shade other garden plots.
- Weed and maintain your garden regularly, as weeds seed and spread quickly, making more work for other gardeners.
- Remove pests and plants with diseases immediately. Pests and diseases can also spread quickly throughout the community. Please dispose of all diseased pests/plants as specified in the Rules & Regulations, and NOT into our compost bin!
- Never pick produce from another plot, even if you think the plot has been abandoned or neglected.
- Please walk with care and do not enter surrounding plots.
- Please conserve water and use only what you need.
- Do NOT remove plot markers. If you are unsure of your boundaries, please contact one of the community garden managers.
- Children are *always* welcome at PPCG; however, please watch them and monitor their activities and noise level so that they do not disturb other gardeners or their plots.
- Please do not bring your pets in the garden areas.
- Personal music players are only allowed with the use of headphones. No radios are allowed in the garden.
- Loud and/or continuous cell phone conversations are prohibited.
- If you have a concern or issue with a fellow gardener, please address your concern(s) directly to him/her in a calm and courteous manner. If the issue is not resolved, please contact one of the garden managers to assist in the matter.
- Please keep your garden area neat and clean!
- Plan to participate in two group garden efforts during the season—during spring and fall cleanups—or in other activities agreed to by the co-chairs to help maintain the community garden areas.
- If you have any suggestions or comments, kindly share them!

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2020 GUIDELINES, RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT (cont.)

I understand that the Perkins Park Community Garden is providing a plot to me for a period of 1 (one) year. The Community Garden year starts the 1st of April 2020, and will end no later than the 15th of November, 2020. I will have the opportunity to renew my plot annually by completing an annual application by the deadline specified, and adhering to the following rules as stated below:

- 1) I will tend to my garden plot within 1 month of the garden opening date (April 1, weather permitting) and I will plant my garden by June 1. I agree to keep my plot planted and weeded throughout the gardening season.
- 2) I will ask for help if I cannot maintain my plot, to avoid misunderstandings with my fellow gardeners; otherwise, I will forfeit my right to the plot.
- 3) For the health of our fellow gardeners and the surrounding neighborhood, it is a requirement of the Perkins Park Community Garden, our sponsor Sustainable Braintree, and our licensing agreement with the Town of Braintree, to garden organically. Therefore, I agree to only use certified organic fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents. Only natural herbicides and pesticides and/or other organic methods may be used.
- 4) I will NOT use synthetic chemicals. The use of any synthetic chemicals, (such as Miracle Grow or Round Up), are prohibited, as are a variety of chemicals that are known to be carcinogens to mammals or honey bees. If in doubt, I will ask before using. Community Garden Co-Managers (Suzanne Brothers and Gary Roden) will be available to assist with organic or other gardening questions, and we will make every effort to find an answer if we cannot answer it ourselves. Our blog (PerkinsParkCommunityGarden.blog) and Facebook page offer additional information.
- 5) I will keep my plants within the limit of my 6' x 12' garden plot and I will not extend my garden past the plot markers. Because of limited space, I will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high, so that all plots receive adequate light. I will be asked to remove plants that extend past the markers or height restrictions, and, if not removed within 2 weeks, plants may then be removed without additional warning.
- 6) I will compost only clean plant material (no weed or diseased plant) in the compost bins.
- 7) If I choose to store my tools in the community garden shed, I will clearly mark my own garden tools. I will follow posted tool shed guidelines. Some tools and hoses will be available for use by members and will be clearly marked and noted in the guidelines. The combination to the shed lock will be given to garden members.
- 8) I will conserve water by using only the amount of water necessary for my plot, and I will turn off the hose as soon as I have finished watering my plot. If I am the last or only person watering my plot, I will properly shut off the water access, return the faucet handle to the shed, and ensure that the shed is locked and water access is off. If I use water from the water barrels and see that they very low or empty, I will fill them.
- 9) I agree to maintain my garden plot, removing weeds and trash, and, for safety reasons, I will keep my plot, paths, and my surrounding areas weeded and free from rocks. I will completely separate and properly dispose of my trash into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts for composting; 2) weeds, rocks, stones and heavy debris; 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc..
- 10) I will bring home any/all trash that I bring into the Perkins Park Community Garden site. I will not use the park's barrel for any trash from the garden. The garden managers, the Town of Braintree, and other gardeners are not responsible for removing my trash, such as plastic plant pots, lunch bags, bottles, etc.

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- 11) I will make every concerted effort to keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases. If I discover any pest- or diseased-riddled plants, I will remove them from the Community Garden. I will not put diseased plants into the compost pile or the town's park barrels.
- 12) I will be notified if my plot is unkempt and will be given a reasonable time period to clean it, but generally within two weeks. If it is not cleaned within the time period specified, I will forfeit my right to the garden plot for the remainder of the season, and it will be re-assigned or tilled in.
- 13) If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify one of the Garden Managers within a reasonable time frame, but no later than two weeks from the time I know I cannot continue gardening.
- 14) I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot's member.
- 15) I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, use illegal drugs or bring weapons into the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- 16) Guests, including children, are always welcome. As a member, I will adhere to the following guidelines: I will supervise my children at all times when they are visiting the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
- 17) I will not bring pets to the garden.
- 18) I will not give the shed's lock combination to anyone who is not a garden member. The combination will be changed annually.
- 19) I understand that my application fee of \$30 will not be reimbursed if I have forfeited my plot by not adhering to the Perkins Park Community Guidelines, Rules & Responsibilities.
- 20) I understand that a portion of my \$30 fee goes toward paying the water bill, whether I use the water supplied by the town or not.
- 21) I understand that if applications exceed plot availability, Perkins Park Community will maintain a waiting list, based on receipt of applications, and refund my payment. Whenever a garden plot becomes available, such garden plot shall be offered in writing to the next Braintree resident on the list, and the resident must acknowledge acceptance of the plot in writing before any current gardener is allowed more than one plot.
- 22) 2019 garden plot holders in good standing will be given the opportunity to keep their plot for the 2020 growing season by completing a "2020 Application and Contract" and returning it by the application deadline.
- 23) ***I agree to participate in two group garden efforts during the 2020 season—in the spring and fall cleanups—or I will assist with other tasks approved by the co-chairs that help maintain the garden site for the whole group. I understand this is a requirement of my community garden membership or my membership may not be offered the following year.***

My signature below indicates that I have read, understand and accept: (1) 2020 Application & Contract Agreement, (2) Garden Etiquette, and (3) Guidelines, Rules, & Responsibilities Agreement for the Perkins Park Community Garden, or (4) to document my cancellation of membership (see p.1). I understand that neither Sustainable Braintree, Inc. nor the Town of Braintree is responsible for my actions and I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, INJURY OR CLAIM THAT MAY OCCUR IN CONNECTION WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN OR USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Name (Please PRINT): _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____