**Buckingham Township Community Garden Membership Application**

**Year 2025**

Please complete the application below and email/scan to Andrea Antell

Your Name:

Your Address:

Your Telephone :

Your Email:

Total Membership Dues - $20.00/plot Due by April 1, 2025

Plot Number(s) Requested:

Amount Paid via in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Venmo: @Andrea-Antell-1 Email: aantell1@verizon.net ; 267-377-5000

Check or Cash can be dropped off at Buckingham Township Building during business hours

By submitting membership dues, you are agreeing to abide by the Rules and Regulations set forth

by Buckingham Township and found on page 2.

**Buckingham Township Community Garden**

**Rules and Regulations**

1. **The basic fee for an individual garden plot in 2025 is $20.00**. Each plot remains under the stewardship of its registered plot holder on an evergreen basis unless forfeited through unpaid dues, after notification, or in violation of these rules and regulations. If garden needs supersede the amount in the treasury, a special allocation may be assessed.
2. If Community Garden is fully occupied, a waiting list will be maintained to fill plots as they are vacated. Plots will be assigned firstly to Buckingham Township residents and then by seniority on list via first-come basis. Members may add plots if there is no active waiting list.
3. Any plot not cleared of weeds or covered by the season’s start - May 15 and finish - Dec 1 will be forfeited and given to next person on waiting list (notice will be given). Any plot holder who has excessive or overgrown weeds will be notified **via email** that their plot requires clearing. If weeds are not removed or special circumstances waiver granted and following the second notice, the plot will be re-assigned and all fees and planted materials forfeited.
4. Plot holders must keep all paths adjoining their plot free of trash and weeds and **contribute effort to shared areas**. All weeds, woody growth, and trash should be removed from the garden property to proper disposal. Large plant material and/or woody items should be disposed of in the forested areas or removed to plot holder’s home trash.
5. Plot holders must contribute a **minimum of eight (8) hours per year**, logged in the notebook on-premises, towards the general maintenance and improvement of the garden/property as a whole. Failure to meet the participation requirement may result in forfeiture of plot.
6. Mature crops should be promptly harvested to help control pests. Infested plants should be removed and disposed of as soon as possible. Non-plant items should not be left in the garden overnight. Tall plants or trellis’ must be pre-approved and located to not shade neighboring plots. All plants must not self-seed by wind distribution nor produce runners that extend past plot boundaries. All soil or compost must be properly sourced to reduce the introduction of weed seeds.
7. This community garden is pesticide & herbicide-free (non-biological). Pest and weed control should be preventative and organic. All shared tools should be rinsed free of dirt prior to storage and must be used with proper care. Please limit the storage of personal garden items in the on-site shed to small rodent-impervious totes and do not store any items that attract pests in the shed.
8. The Community Garden is contained within Holicong Park and is overseen by Buckingham Township. A liaison will oversee the general welfare, enforce rules and regulations, and manage communications. All recommendations for improvements should be presented to the liaison. The liaison will have the authority to act on any recommendation that is in the best interests of the community and approved by majority vote.
9. Each member understands that they are allowed the privilege to use a portion of the Open Space area owned by Buckingham Township. All activities, access, and egress of vehicles and individuals, should be respectful of maintaining ideal property conditions for the Township.
10. Email will be the primary means of communication. It is each plot-holders responsibility to communicate contact changes to the Garden Liaison or Buckingham Township via email.
11. In the event of travel, illness, or issues impacting the regular maintenance of your plot, contact the Garden Liaison (or other members) to determine if care, harvesting, and watering is available. Assistance will be voluntary and **not** guaranteed.
12. Participation in the Buckingham Township Community Garden is conditional upon observance of these rules. Buckingham Township may modify, move, or discontinue the Community Garden. No compensation will be given as a result of any Township action.