

GARDENER OBLIGATIONS 2024

The Arvada Gardeners is a working organization in which members are expected to make a commitment of your time, abilities and participation in garden activities. You will need to adhere to the rules in the maintenance of garden grounds, your plot, and the supervision of the garden as a Gardener in Charge (GIC) during the season.

There is a minimum of 15 communal hours that you need to complete during the calendar year, no carryover. This applies to the Gardeners assigned to any type of plot (full, half, and raised bed). These hours can be completed by the plot holder or any competent person under the direction of the plot holder by participating in monthly Saturday morning workdays, GIC hours, serving as an officer or committee chair, working events and festivals or any other time you spend working on the maintenance of the garden grounds.

You are responsible for keeping track of your hours. Workday and festivals and other activities will have sign-in sheets to note your hours. Other hours can be recorded on the task sheet clipboard located in the Unblue Shed or by sending an email to arvadagardenhours@gmail.com Summary of hours will be published monthly and it will be your responsibility to check the summary and reconcile any difference with the volunteer coordinator. Relief from the 15-hour requirement may be sought for medical or other reasons by taking the request to a garden officer.

Gardeners who do NOT complete their work hour requirement and desire to return the following year will be assessed an additional payment of \$70.00. If this happens a second time you will not be offered renewal. Gardeners who do NOT clean up their plot by the November Meeting date and desire to return the following year will be assessed an additional payment of \$35.00.

As a gardener you will need to begin substantial gardening in your plot by June 1st or the garden plot will be forfeited back the garden. Accommodations will be made for gardeners who got their plot later in the season.

The business of the Arvada Gardeners is accomplished at monthly meetings open to the public. While attendance at the monthly meetings is encouraged, it is not required.

Communication among the Arvada Gardeners is accomplished through email and the website. www.arvadagardeners.org If you choose not to provide an email address and do not have website access, it will be your responsibility to contact someone in the membership to obtain any information that is sent out. Note that the Arvada Library has free computers for your use and many email accounts are also free.

As a gardener, you are allowed privileges and voting rights. You have ONE vote per PLOT. You DO need to be a resident of Arvada unless previously grandfathered.

As a new gardener, you will need to attend a scheduled orientation, and scheduled classes for the use of power equipment and water pumps. Returning gardeners are responsible for keeping current on changes which may occur to the operation of the garden.

As a garden member, the dues are as follows:

- \$70.00 for a 12' X 22' plot, approximately.
- \$35.00 for a raised beds, 4' X 8' plots
- \$35.00 for a Half Plot (1/2 of full size plot to be shared with another member)
- \$35.00 to be a non-plot member

Dues allow you year-round access to the garden daily from dawn to dusk and water privileges with training. As a garden member you will need to sign a release waiver for yourself and ANY other individuals that may assist you in the garden, (family, friends, neighbors,) however, YOU need to be present in the garden at all times along with any of these individuals unless they have also gone through the orientation.

SYSTEM FOR TRANSFERRING PLOTS AND RE-ASSIGNING EXISTING MEMBER PLOTS

Current gardeners may request a transfer to another plot. This transfer procedure will consist of the following:

- The member will inform Membership of their desire for a transfer by December 1;
- The request will be in writing, letter or E-mail;
- The request will contain information regarding the plot(s);
- Membership will maintain correspondence itemized by request date;

Membership will review the transfer requests and open plot list and make a determination, at their discretion, which Gardener will be assigned a new plot. Membership will notify the transfer to the Gardener no later than April 1 via e-mail.

In the event two or more gardeners are requesting the same plot, the assignment will be based on the earliest “date of request”. In the event the “date of request” is the same, Membership will randomly choose the gardener.

ALL DETERMINATIONS BY MEMBERSHIP WILL BE FINAL