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2021 COMMUNITY GARDEN RENTAL APPLICATION

GARDNER RENTER INFORMATION Tell us who you are.		
Name:		
Address:		
City/State/ZIP:		
Phone:		
E-mail:		

Note: Your contact information remains private. DCCG never sells/shares your information.

COMMUNITY GARDNER INFORMATION Garden rental locations available are shown below.		
City of DeKalb (Dresser) Garden	20' x 30' plots	\$20.00/year
Sycamore Garden	10' x 15' plots 20' x 30' plots	
Genoa Garden	5' x 10' raised beds	

- All DCCG Community Garden plots/raised beds are available to rent for **\$20/year**. All rental contracts are for a single growing season. Rental gardeners must submit rental application on a yearly basis. (Rentals and renewals are solely at the discretion of DCCG.)
- Garden rental fee may be paid by **check or money order** payable to: DeKalb County Community Gardens. Garden rental applications without payment and signed documents will not be accepted.

COMMUNITY GARDEN RENTAL REQUEST Select a garden location below.

Using the attached maps, indicate your rental request(s) for the garden of your choice below:

City of DeKalb (Dresser) Garden

	Row#	Plot #
First choice		
Second choice		
Third choice		

Sycamore Garden

	Row#	Plot #
First choice		
Second choice		
Third choice		

Genoa Garden

	Row#	Plot #
First choice		
Second choice		
Third choice		

Total Rental Fee Amount: \$ _____ **Payment Type:** Check Money Order

With submission of this Rental Application, I agree to abide by DCCG's Community Garden Rental Rules.

Return both completed Rental Application and Rental Rules along with payment to: DCCG, 2280 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL 60115.

Garden Renter signature: _____

FOR INTERNAL USE:			
Garden Plot:		Date:	
Application:		Wait List:	
Payment Type:		Amount Rec'd:	



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2021 Community Garden Rental Rules

Garden Care & Maintenance

- All rental gardeners are responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden rental plot(S). Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden-related tasks are the sole responsibility of each gardener.
- Be mindful that this is a shared space. When your garden plot(s) become overgrown with weeds, it makes it more difficult for your fellow gardeners to maintain their garden plot(s).
- Garden plot(s) should be cared for at least once a week. Weeds should not exceed 12 inches in height. (It is your responsibility to contact DCCG if you are unable to care for your garden plot(s) in any given week. Any garden plot that remains unattended for more than three weeks, is subject to reassignment by DCCG.)
- When watering your garden plot(s), never leave community garden property with a hose attached to the community pump. You may arrange for fellow gardeners to water your garden plot(s), when you are unable.
- All rental gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers only from their own garden(s).
- By December 1, 2021, all rental gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot(s) of all plant material and leaving the garden rental plot(s) as it was found in the spring. (Failure to clear your rental garden plot(s), will incur a \$50.00 fee for DCCG to complete this task.)
- Children are welcome in the community gardens. All rental gardeners must ensure children are accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.

Fees

- Garden plot rental fees are due in full by May 1, 2021.

I agree to abide by the 2021 DCCG Community Garden Rental Rules as stated here.

Garden Renter signature: _____

Thank you and see you in the gardens!



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Community Gardening Guidelines in the COVID-19 Pandemic

DCCG believes gardening provides many health benefits from physical activity to the mental health. Community gardening offers:

- Support and camaraderie.
- An opportunity to work off tension and stress.
- A sense of accomplishment of growing your own food.
- Access to nutrient dense produce that cannot be found in grocery stores.
- A great community service un a time if crisis and uncertainty.
- Contact with nature and all the human benefits such contact brings.
- Ongoing educational opportunities for life-long learning.

In the midst of this public health crisis, DCCG needs to limit the potential for passing COVID-19 from person to person. Carefully following a few best practices will help stop the spread and ensure safety while enjoying our community gardens.

Gardening Guidelines

- Do not come to the garden if you are sick.
- Maintain social distancing in the garden; keep 6 feet away from other gardeners.
- Wear a face mask or similar covering when in conversation or in close proximity with other gardeners at all times.
- Wear gloves at all times and wash your hands often using soap and for at least 20 seconds. (Consider carrying a portable hand washing station with you that includes for soap, water, and towel.)
- Avoid touching your face *before* washing your hands.
- For essential shared tools such as the garden cart, thoroughly wipe down handles **before and after use** with sanitizing wipes or spray bottle with sanitizing mixture.
- Sanitize handles of shared garden tools daily.
- Thoroughly wipe down hoses, nozzles and spigots **before and after use** with sanitizing wipes or spray bottle with sanitizing mixture.
- Identify and protect gardeners at high risk: those 60 years or older, with compromised immune systems or with underlying/ongoing health conditions.
- If you are high risk, please contact DCCG to arrange assistance with planting and cultivating your plot.

General Notes on COVID-19

- A novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, causes COVID-19.
- The main mode of disease transmission is people coming into close contact (less than 6 feet) with an infected person.
- Another mode of transmission is through vapor droplets that an infected person exhales, coughs, or sneezes.
- The virus can survive up to 72 hours, possibly longer, on various surfaces, according to an article published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* (March 17, 2020). If people touch a surface on which a live virus is located and then touch their mouth, nose or eyes, there is a chance they can become infected.
- People can be infectious for several days before they show symptoms.