

# Orum House Community Garden Application Gardening Season 2016 (March – October)

## **Reserving a plot in the Edgewater Community Garden:**

If you are interested in reserving a garden plot for the upcoming season please fill out the application that follows. Applications will be taken at the Municipal Building (2401 Sheridan Blvd.) through March 18<sup>th</sup>. For the 2016 season we will have sixteen ten (10) x seven (7) plots available for Edgewater Community Gardeners.

### **Application Process:**

Applications will be reviewed and plots will be assigned following the deadline. If plots remain open applications will be accepted until all plots are reserved. 2015 Community Gardeners will have the opportunity to return before new gardeners are taken. Applications will be reviewed and accepted on a first come first serve basis, meaning the first sixteen applications turned in will be accepted. Please read through the following packet for rules and waiver.

### **Garden Location:**

The Edgewater Community Garden is located on the east side of the Orum House (2444 Depew St.). There is access to the gardens from the front of the Orum House or the alley way behind the home.

*Additional plots may be available at Jefferson High School.*

### **Garden Fee:**

Applicants will have to pay a fee upon assignment of a plot. Fees can be paid at initial gardener meeting or at the municipal building following application selection. The 2016 fees are:

**\$10.00** Garden Fee- Covers use of water, shared tools and plot.

**\$15.00** Deposit- Refundable deposit following season for properly maintained and cleaned/cleared gardens.

The deposit is refundable at the end of the growing season when the gardener relinquishes his/her plot if the plot has been properly maintained. Before retaining any deposit, the City will provide the gardener with notice and an opportunity to be heard on the matter.

### **Abandoned Plots:**

If a plot is abandoned by the gardener, the plot will be forfeited and the City will reassign the plot to another gardener. If a plot is abandoned, gardeners are not eligible to have the deposit refunded. If for any reason a gardener cannot care for his/her garden, the gardener must notify the City of Edgewater and make arrangements with other gardeners to water and maintain his/her plot during his/her absence.

### **Community Garden Season:**

At the end of each growing season, each gardener is responsible for clearing and tilling his/her plot before the close of the season. **Community Garden Hours during open season:**

*March – October 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.*

The garden will be closed during the off-season with approximate dates (depending on weather) November – February.

***The City of Edgewater has the right to remove, reassign or relocate any or all plots at any time for any reason. The City of Edgewater also has the right to change these rules and guidelines at any time for any reason.***

## **Orum House Community Garden Ground Rules and Guidelines:**

### **General Maintenance:**

- Plots must be kept free of weeds, old plants and trash at all times
- Pathways, fence lines and public spaces next to plots must be maintained at all times by plot owners.
- Do not shade another plot with tall plants from your plot.
- Do not enter another plot without the owner's permission.
- Do not remove anything from another plot without the owner's permission.

### **Watering:**

- Keep plots watered. Watering deeper and less often is better than shallow and frequent watering; drying plants out excessively stresses them and retards growth.
- Edgewater requires water conservation. Do not water for excessive periods and do not leave a plot unattended when water is running. Gardeners must follow seasonal water restrictions set by Denver Water.
- Never water another plot unless asked to do so by the plot owner.

### **Organic gardening:**

- Plots must be gardened organically. This means no chemical pesticides or herbicides or fertilizers. Try compost or organic products. Byproducts from the sea, sky or earth are organic. These include seaweed, kelp, fish emulsion, bat or sea bird guano, worm casting and many plant-based products that are organic.

### **General guidelines:**

- Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the garden by anyone at any time.
- No dogs will be allowed on the Orum House property.
- All garden materials need to be kept inside the assigned plot or stored away in the shed.

# 2016 Community Garden Application

*Please complete the following information*

New Gardener

2015 Returning Gardener

*Yes No I (am/ not) interested in keeping my 2015 plot location.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Plot Preferences:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be interested in a full plot (15x10) if they were available.

## **THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY** **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING**

IN CONSIDERATION FOR ALLOWING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN AND USE THE COMMUNITY GARDEN AT THE ORUM HOUSE, I, THE UNDERSIGNED, VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, CONSULTANTS, INSURERS AND REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY THE "CITY"), FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN OR THE ORUM HOUSE. I FURTHER AGREE TO RELEASE, WAIVE AND DISCHARGE THE CITY FROM, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE CITY FOR, ANY CLAIMS, DEMANDS OR ACTIONS WHATSOEVER ARISING OUT OF ANY DAMAGE, LOSS OR INJURY INCURRED TO ME OR MY PROPERTY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY GARDEN OR THE ORUM HOUSE. THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY APPLIES EQUALLY TO LOSSES, DAMAGES OR INJURIES CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE CITY OR ANY THIRD PARTY (FOR EXAMPLE AND NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION; FALLS, CONTACT WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS, INJURIES RELATING TO EQUIPMENT OR THE CONDITION OF THE FACILITIES). THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY APPLIES TO ME, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS WELL AS ANY OF MY CHILDREN, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE, I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND I SIGN THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE VOLUNTARILY.**

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Signature

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Date

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Printed Name

*For City Staff only:*  
*Date and time application was received* \_\_\_\_\_