

2010 Community Gardening Registration Information
For-Mar Nature Preserve And Arboretum

Instructions: Please read this registration first. Then fill out the Garden Application and Gardening Agreement. Sign the Gardening Agreement and mail the completed application, along with your check or money order, payable to Genesee County Parks, or credit card information to:

Genesee County Parks, 2142 North Genesee Road, Burton, MI 48509.

Applications will be processed on a first come first serve basis, and are due by April 15, 2010. Call (810) 789-8568 for questions concerning this program.

Refund Policy: A 50% refund will be given to cancellations 72 hours prior to the application deadline. No refunds will be given for cancellations after the 72 hour application deadline.

Garden Features - For-Mar Nature Preserve And Arboretum

Location: For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, 2142 North Genesee Road, Burton.

Times: Wednesday through Sunday, from 8 am until sunset.

Plot Sizes: 8 Ground Level gardens, 10' x 20', will be available
7 Raised Bed gardens, 4' x 8', will be available

Plot Type: Annual Beds ONLY. Plots will be tilled by County personnel in the spring and fall.

Tools: Limited number of hand tools and wheelbarrows will be available for check out. Please take care of them. Gardeners are encouraged to bring their own hand tools.

Water: Water will be supplied by County personnel, along with hoses and accessories. Gardeners are encourage to bring their own water cans/buckets.

Gardening and Land Use Policies

*** Gardeners must employ the organic gardening practices accepted by major organic certification agencies, such as the Organic Crop Improvement Association, in all gardens.*

Insect Control: Synthetic insecticides are prohibited. Alternate control methods are encouraged, such as: crop rotation, hand picking, companion planting, biological controls, natural botanicals etc.

Weed Control: All herbicides are prohibited. Cultural controls, hand weeding, hoeing, and mulch are recommended.

Disease Control: Most problems can be controlled through proper plant selection, maintaining a healthy soil, careful garden practices, and early detection and removal.

Animal Control: The wildlife fencing installed should be adequate to eliminate wildlife problems; however, it is recommended that you take additional precautions to reduce damage. Scent and taste repellents are recommended along with appropriate plant selection.

Fertilizers/Soil Amendments: Commercial inorganic fertilizers are prohibited, such as *Miracle Grow*. Natural organic fertilizers are permitted. Examples include; compost, leaf mold, livestock manure, blood and bone meal, cover crops, etc.

Plot Rental: The *Genesee County Parks* does not guarantee that a plot will be available for every applicant.

Prohibited Plants: Certain plants may not be grown in any garden. Examples include: Invasive species, woody or perennial plants, and illegal or dangerous plants. ALL garden plantings must be approved by County horticulturist.

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2010 Community Gardening Application
For-Mar Nature Preserve And Arboretum

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

| Garden preference | Price | Total |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Ground level (10'x20'): | \$50.00 (\$.25/square foot) | \$ |
| Raised bed (4'x8'): | \$8.00 (\$.25/square foot) | \$ |

Payment:

Check

Payable to: **Genesee County Parks**

Credit Card (please circle one)

Visa

Mastercard

Discover

American Express

Name on card: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration: _____

Cardholder signature: _____

Mail completed forms with payment to:

Genesee County Parks
2142 North Genesee Road
Burton, MI 48509

For more information, contact:

Brian VanPatten
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***All applications must be received by Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the
ForMar Nature Preserve and Arboretum, 2142 North Genesee Road, Burton, MI
48509**

GeneseeCountyParks.org

Gardening Agreement

As a Genesee County Park community gardener, I agree to:

- 1) Abide by the Community Gardening Agreement
- 2) Attend a mandatory orientation meeting
- 3) Take steps to maintain and improve the soil in my plot
- 4) Keep my plot and pathways adjacent to it, well maintained and free of weeds.
- 5) Notify the Genesee County Parks Horticulturist immediately if I cannot maintain my plot for any reason during the lease period.
- 6) Begin gardening in my community garden only after plots have been officially staked out in the spring.
- 7) Clear my community garden plot of all non-organic materials (fencing, rocks, string, wire, etc) and shred or remove all large or woody plant debris, no later than the end of the day on October 15, 2010. I understand that if my community garden plot is left in a condition unsuitable for plowing, I may forfeit the right to garden with the Genesee County Parks in the future.
- 8) Observe the specific guidelines for my garden site.
- 9) Release Genesee County Parks agents from liability for injury or damage that results from my activity in the gardens.
- 10) Donate a percentage of your harvest to the local food bank.

Failure to garden in accordance with this Community Gardening Agreement may result in immediate expulsion from the garden or forfeiture of future rights to garden with the Genesee County Parks.

Gardener's Signature

Date