### 2023/24 Allotment Rental/Renewal & Participation Agreement

SCHOMBERG COMMUNITY FARM

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Phone Number:	Mailing Address		
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# THE SCHOMBERG COMMUNITY FARM IS *VOLUNTEER RUN* ON KING TOWNSHIP LAND.

Garden plots are 10 x 20 (200 SF). The fee is \$40/season.
Gardeners who have not signed a contract and made payment, or who have not contacted the plot coordinator to indicate their intentions by **NOVEMBER 1**, may have their plot reassigned.

# PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY: e-transfer directly to our treasurer

wesley.killman@gmail.com memo "2024 Plot # Payment"

#### cash or cheque in person:

Renewal day is **Saturday,October 21, 2023** 9am-12noon at farm.

AVAILABLE PLOTS WILL BE REASSIGNED AFTER THAT DATE.

## **GENERAL RULES**

- **1.** Plot holders must be a resident of King Township.
- **2.** Members must pay and sign the renewal form annually by deadline date.
- **3.** Members must **VOLUNTEER** at least **3 HOURS A SEASON.** You can complete this requirement by attending scheduled clean up days, or by assuming responsibility for a necessary task such as filling the water totes, maintaining the compost piles, managing the berry patches or communal flower gardens, mulching, etc. There are also administrative/executive/website, etc. tasks that require volunteers.
- **4.** Members must keep the paths around their plots free of weeds and mulched.

- **5.** Confine climbing and crawling plants (squash, zucchini, etc.) to your plot. The executive reserves the right to remove and/or trim plants extending beyond the plot boundary.
- **6.** Structures cannot be permanent and they must not restrict sunlight from the adjoining plots.
- **7.** Fences should not exceed 3 feet in height.
- **8.** Trading or sharing of plots is allowed, provided the coordinator is informed first and only after the additional forms have been received.
- **9.** Use organic gardening methods only. Do not apply synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or fertilizers.
- **10.** Use of plot is for personal food production and/or for growing flowers. Trees and perennial shrubs (ie. raspberries) are not to be planted in the garden plots or anywhere on the property without the consent of the Executive.
- **11.** Keep your plot free of weeds, dead plants, pests, and diseases. Put pulled weeds (free of seeds) in assigned areas or take them home for disposal in the yard waste system.
- 12. Plots cannot be left fallow or unused. If nothing has been done to improve the garden by JUNE 1 a notice will be sent out advising that the plot renter has two weeks to make improvements. If on JUNE 15 no action has been taken, the plot will be deemed abandoned, and it will be forfeited along with the contract fees paid.
- **13.** If a plot renter is unable to tend their garden for an extended period, they are expected to make arrangements for its proper maintenance or to contact the farm manager. Failing to do so may result in the loss of use of the garden plot.

**14.** Members of the Executive reserve the right to weed or otherwise maintain a plot should it not be done so for any reason.

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- **15.** Do not take food, plants, or items from other gardeners' plots without their prior permission
- **16.** Do not take food or plants from the communal plots or orchards or gardens without Executive permission.
- **17.** Do not prune orchard trees unless you have Executive permission.
- **18.** Do not interfere with another member's garden without their explicit consent, including weeding, watering, harvesting, etc. Raise concerns about another gardeners' plots directly with them or a member of the Executive.
- **19.** Pets are not allowed into the garden plot area proper or the Butterfly Garden. All pets should be leashed on the adjacent Town property.
- **20.** Use water from the totes in a responsible and considerate manner. The totes are filled by volunteers so please avoid excessive use of it. Try to employ water conscious methods such as mulching or companion planting.

#### **NOT RENEWING YOUR GARDEN...**

Please inform the coordinator. Clear away dead plants and perennials. Remove all structures unless alternate arrangements are made.

#### The following are Township requests.

- Power equipment is not allowed on site without prior knowledge and permission of the Executive. This includes whippersnippers, rototillers or lawnmowers.
- DO NOT PARK on the grass or in front of the bridge. You can unload by the bridge, but you must park in the lot.

I have read the agreement and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for rental and use of a plot and participation at the Schomberg Community Farm.

Signed:	Date:	
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Community Gardener