

## Forest St. Community Gardens Shared Garden Application

Please complete the following information and return with payment to:

**North River Fronts Neighborhood Assn.**  
CO: **Forest St. Community Garden**  
529 Hobart St.  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Members (for Family Membership only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

I am / We are interested in joining:

**Before April, 2025**

\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership \$40.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership \$55.00

**Payment is non-refundable**

**Make check payable to: North River Fronts Neighborhood, Assn.**

### **HOLD HARMLESS / STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

The City of Eau Claire and North River Fronts Neighborhood, will not be responsible for any accidents, injuries, or damages, nor will the City of Eau Claire or North River Fronts Neighborhood be responsible for any theft, damage to, loss of, or replacement of any belongings, equipment, materials, or tools, or plantings. There is no security for any personal belongings.

Failure to follow any garden or public area rules and regulations may result in loss of membership. Memberships are non-transferable. Members may seek to re-establish gardening privileges and will work with the Membership Association to do so. The member will not be eligible for any refund or reimbursement for any materials.

Please make sure that you have read and understand the attached membership expectations and guidelines, and sign below indicating that you agree to the rules and conditions.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Forest Street Shared Garden Membership

The goal of the Forest Street Shared Garden is to provide an area for individuals and families to learn how to garden, to build and nurture community friendships and to increase access to high quality, organic produce for Eau Claire residents who may not have access due to lack of finances, education or due to current life situation. Extra produce is regularly donated to the Community Table and other charitable food distributors in the area.

The Forest Street Shared Garden also serves as a learning community for Members to gain experience in leadership, teaching, coordinating and community outreach.

### Membership Benefits:

1. Members of the Forest Street Shared Garden participate in at least one of the weekly gardening sessions for a single membership or at least 2 sessions for a family membership. The work times have been Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm and Saturday mornings from 10 am-12 pm.
2. When produce is ready and available, members who volunteer during gardening sessions are welcome to high quality, organic produce after each session.
3. Gardening sessions are activities for Members to connect and to learn more about gardening.
4. Members are invited to and encouraged to participate in Community Days and other community education events.
5. Members are invited to participate in Garden potlucks and activities.
6. Members may invite friends to participate in garden sessions and events.

### Forest Street Shared Garden Guidelines

1. Put away all tools and equipment after gardening sessions. Make sure that all garden gates are closed.
2. Each member will participate in a garden team in addition to regular weekly work sessions.
3. If you cannot follow through with your responsibilities, please find a sub or contact your team leader.
4. Try to arrive at the beginning of gardening sessions so that instructions do not need to be repeated.
5. Include all team members in gardening activities, and do not criticize their activities. There are many approaches to gardening.
6. Do not harvest produce outside of gardening sessions unless harvest team has contacted members about excess produce that needs to be harvested.
7. You are welcome to have family or friends come to participate in gardening sessions.
8. Pets are welcome to work sessions; however, please do not allow them to wander in the garden area.
9. If you have a concern or issue with another member, please attempt to resolve it directly with them. If that is not possible, let a coordinator or team leader know about the situation.

I understand that the use of the Forest Street Shared Community Gardens fall subject to a lease between the North River Fronts Neighborhood Association and the city. All reasonable efforts are made to come to agreement with the city about policies and procedures for using this city land. Once the lease is signed all volunteers and gardeners must follow rules outlined in the lease.

I understand that the Forest St. Community Garden Coordinators, the City of Eau Claire, nor the North River Fronts Neighborhood are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE FOREST ST. COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATORS, CITY OF EAU CLAIRE (OWNERS OF THE LAND), AND THE NORTH RIVER FRONTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN. FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS AS SIGNED ON THE FOREST ST. SHARED GARDEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT.

If you have any requests, or have any special needs, please let us know, we will make every effort to accommodate your requests: [eauclairecommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:eauclairecommunitygarden@gmail.com)