

## The Chester Community Garden Annual Agreement 2023

Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens (CCG&G) membership is open to anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Chester. The following Agreement is for the 2023 garden season.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following: *(Print name of plot holder)*

### Dates

- To begin tending my plot by June 1st.
- To remove any temporary structures and to put my plot(s) to bed by the end of the growing season (November 15th.).
- To complete 100% of my work hours by November 1st.\*
- To attend an orientation session at the start of the season.

### My Plot

- To use only organic soil amendments and ecologically sound pest controls.
- To keep weeds under control in my plot and keep them from going to seed.
- To keep paths surrounding my plot(s) clear and properly maintained.
- Keep my plants out of the paths.
- To plant so that sunflowers and other tall plants won't shade another's plot.

### Garden Membership

- To respect my neighbors' plot(s) and not pick, plant, or weed without explicit permission.
- In the event of extenuating circumstances to communicate with a Garden Steward.
- To record my work hours in a timely fashion.

### Your Contact Information (all fields are required, please):

Street \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and I agree to abide by the Guidelines, and Policies and Procedures set forth by the members of the Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens. I understand that if I fail to meet the requirements of this agreement I will forfeit my plot(s) and deposit for the next gardening season.

Signed by Gardener \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Gardener's Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Please let us know your areas of interest: <i>(check all that apply)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mowing and landscaping</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flowers and bulbs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Compost work</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Water system work</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Web site work</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Workshops and Presentations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Garden Committee work</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Serve on the Board</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other - please specify</li> </ul>	<p>Please list what skills or services you have to offer the Chester Community Greenhouse &amp; Gardens: <i>(check all that apply)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Roto-tilling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seed Saving</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Instructional workshops</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plant breeding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flower Beds</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Compost management</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Website design</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Season extension</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other - please specify</li> </ul>
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**Hold Harmless Agreement**

I \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to hold harmless the following groups associated with the Chester Community Garden: The town of Chester (property owners), the Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens Board of Directors, from and against any injury, damage, loss, or claim, or expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of, or in connection with any of my activities or the activities of my family and guests at the Chester Community Garden.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to:

Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens

PO Box 1271

Chester, VT 05143

Plot No.(s)	Fee	Work Hours	Plot Coordinator Approval/Note

**Total plot fee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total work hours:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deposit fee\*: \$25.00**

\* Note: A one-time \$25.00 deposit is required of all gardeners. The deposit will be returned when the gardener leaves the CCG&G and has met the requirements of the Annual Agreement.

*Please make your check or money order payable to: Chester Community Greenhouse & Gardens*

Mail your entire 2023 Annual Agreement, including the signed Hold Harmless Agreement to: Chester  
 Community Greenhouse & Gardens, PO Box 1271, Chester, VT 05143

**Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens** Contact info: Email: [chestergreenhouse@gmail.com](mailto:chestergreenhouse@gmail.com)

P.O. Box 1271, Chester VT 05143

\_\_\_\_\_ *To be completed by the Plot*  
 Coordinator:

**Gardener has:**

- paid deposit fee of \$25.00
- paid a total of \_\_\_\_\_ *(including deposit)*
- been given a copy of the completed Annual Agreement.

Initial by Plot Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2

**Welcome to the Chester Community Garden**

The Chester Community Garden began in 2020 and embodies the principles of building resilience, community cooperation, and member-supported ingenuity; encouraging all members to take an active and creative role in the ongoing maintenance and growing practices for a productive community garden. Each gardener is therefore expected to meet the work requirements and abide by the Guidelines to ensure the garden’s success. The garden is overseen by members of Chester Community Greenhouse and Gardens who run meetings, implement the Guidelines, and respond to gardener concerns. The Guidelines, and Policies and Procedures can be found on our website: <https://www.chestercommunitygreenhouseandgardens.org/>

Members are encouraged to work independently on jobs from the job list (see website), or join in scheduled work parties, or be part of work crews or teams.