

# 2021 Community Garden Plot Reservation Form

The Village of Shabbona is pleased to have garden plots available for the community.

Please see the Community Garden Plot Agreement for more information.

**This reservation form with payment must be submitted to finalize your garden plot rental.**

Name: _____		Date: _____	
Address: _____		City/Zip: _____	
Email: _____		Phone: _____	
Plots Requested: # _____ # _____ # _____ # _____			
10X10 plot @ \$10 per plot:		Payment Method:	
# of plots rented _____		<input type="radio"/> Cash <input type="radio"/> Check # _____	
Amount Due \$ _____		Payment Received By:	
		_____	

## Gardener Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the Shabbona Community Garden Plot policies that are detailed in this document. I agree to abide by the stipulation and to help the Village and Shabbona Township protect the rights of all gardeners and community members.

## Individual Release and Hold Harmless Agreement:

I understand that participating in activities at the lot across from the 206 Blackhawk, Shabbona, IL. involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury, loss, or damage to person or property. After carefully considering the risk involved, I hereby release, hold harmless and waive all claims associated with this activity which I may have against the Village of Shabbona and/or Shabbona Township, its employees, elected officials and volunteers.

## Media Release:

I hereby authorize the Village of Shabbona to use any photographs and/or videos taken of myself and my minor children for newsletters, publicity, appeals and other publication. This applies to both candid and posed photographs and/or videos, I further authorize the use of information gathered from me during any interview by employees of the Village of Shabbona. This agreement covers all future potential use of said photographs, videos or information. I hereby give permission for my name and the names of my minor children to be used in conjunction with the photographs and/or any written materials.

**Gardener Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to The Village of Shabbona.*

*If you have any questions, contact the Village Office 815-824-3064 or [shabbonaclerk@gmail.com](mailto:shabbonaclerk@gmail.com)*

## **Village of Shabbona Community Gardens Garden Plot Agreement**

The Village of Shabbona will prepare the garden plot for planting, stake out 10' x 10' (approximate) plots, identify each plot by number, and make water accessible to gardeners.

### **Important Dates**

Garden plots open on or about the third week of April, weather permitting. Garden plots must be cleaned off for the season by October 31.

### **Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation:**

1. I agree to abide by the policies and practices outlined in this document including the rules and regulations. The fee for the use of the garden is \$10 for 10'x10' and \$10 for each additional 10'x10' plot, for the season, third week of May10 - October 31.
2. I understand that resident gardeners will have the right of first refusal to a plot for the following season. I will have something planted in my garden by June 1 and keep it planted and weeded all season long.
3. Plots that have not been used by June 15 will be reassigned to someone else.
4. I will not expand my plot beyond its measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden.
5. I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. Should my garden become unkempt, I will be notified by the Village of Shabbona and work out a maintenance plan. If I am unable to maintain the garden. I understand it will be mowed or tilled by the Village.
6. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will put my compost, rocks, recyclables, and trash in designated areas. I will not bring household trash or compost and leave it at the Community Garden.
7. I will not plant any perennials, trees or shrubs.
8. I understand that personal property should not be left on the plot. I understand that the Village is not responsible for any vandalism or theft of my garden plot.
9. I will remove all debris, stakes, fencing, tools, etc. from my plot prior to October 31. If materials are not removed, I will not be able to reserve a plot for the following year.
10. I understand that garden plots are assigned to one person only and are not transferable. Others may garden at my plot, but I am responsible for payment of fees, cleanup, and following all other rules outlined here. I understand that I am solely responsible for the behavior of my family members and other guests.
11. I understand only organic pesticides and weed control will be used responsibly. I will ask the Village of Shabbona for advice if I am unsure of how to respond to disease or weeds.
12. I will not use plastic or other non-porous material for ground cover.
13. I will use wooden stakes, no rebar or metal fence posts. I will not use orange mesh fencing material.
14. I will keep my car in the street or parking lot. I will not drive on the grass.
15. I will bring buckets to transport water to my plot.
16. I will practice good safety habits, including keeping the walkways and paths clear of my tools and other belongings.
17. I understand that pets and smoking are not allowed.
18. I will not enter or take food or plants from other plots.
19. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
20. I will bring headphones if I wish to listen to music while gardening, maintaining the natural setting of the gardens.

21. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language, physically harass, or discriminate against others.
22. Garden plots are temporary fixtures. The Village reserves the right to relocate or remove plots as community needs change.
23. I understand all other Village ordinances; state and local laws must be obeyed at all times.
24. I understand to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Village of Shabbona and Shabbona Township, and their officers, agents and employees, against all suits, actions, or claims of any character brought because of any injury or damage received or sustained by any person, persons, or property arising out of or resulting from any asserted negligent act, error, or omission by myself or other gardeners on my plot.

**If Issues arise, participants will be contacted, and a resolution will be mediated by the Village of Shabbona.**

***Commitment***

*I have read and understand the application and accept the rules, terms, and conditions stated above.*

Gardener Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

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

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_