

Community Garden Coalition



Gardener Household Information 2026

The Community Garden Coalition (CGC) of Columbia and Boone County, Missouri is a nonprofit organization that fosters community gardening by providing support and supplies to a wide range of individuals and groups. The CGC is operated entirely by a small board of volunteers. Money is raised by our board through community fundraising and grants. This money pays for water, equipment, mulch, insurance and other expenses at your garden and others.

At this time, the CGC does not charge a fee for gardening. However, your garden may choose to charge a small fee. We still encourage you to donate to the CGC in the amount you can afford. Your contribution will go a long way towards sustaining the CGC and your own community garden. Donations can be mailed to the Community Garden Coalition, PO Box 7051, Columbia, MO 65205 or made online at www.comogardens.org/donate-money.

Please complete the front and back of this form (1 per household) and submit to your garden leader or to the CGC every year. This form may also be completed online at www.comogardens.org/gardener-data.

Contact Information:

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) *home/cell* _____

Email address(es) _____

Gardening Information:

Garden Name _____

Have you gardened in a Community Garden Coalition garden in the past? Yes No

If "Yes," how many years have you gardened at a CGC garden? _____

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Household Information:

Providing the following demographic information is optional. All responses are kept completely confidential. Generalized data is used to support fundraising and grant applications.

How many people in your household are...

Under 5 years old Between 5 and 18 Between 19 and 59 60 years old and over

Write in the number of people in your household who identify as each of the following racial categories.

White Native American or More than one race
 Black Indigenous to the U.S. Other race not mentioned
 Asian Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

How many people in your household are of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity? _____

What is your annual household income?

Less than \$31,920 \$31,921 to \$43,280 \$43,281 to \$54,640 \$54,641 to \$66,000
 \$66,001 to \$77,360 \$77,361 to \$88,720 \$88,721 to \$100,080 more than \$100,081

Thank you for completing this form. Please read the Gardener Guidelines before signing. The Gardener Guidelines are yours to keep and have the contact information for your garden leader(s) and the Community Garden Coalition should you need to contact someone.

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Gardener Guidelines and plan to abide by all of the garden rules. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests.

Name _____ Date _____

Garden Leader(s) and Contact Information:

CGC Contact Info: (573) 228-8182 • PO Box 7051, Columbia, MO 65205 • info@comogardens.org

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Gardener Guidelines

Use of a community garden plot is a privilege and gardeners are expected to abide by the guidelines below set by the CGC as well as the leader(s) of their garden. Check with your garden leader for guidelines specific to your garden.

Garden leaders are volunteers helping to organize gardens and gardeners in their spare time. They are in charge of assigning plots, keeping the garden organized and interacting with the property owners. **If a gardener persistently fails to follow guidelines or instructions, the garden leader(s) may ask a gardener to use a different, smaller plot or to leave the garden and reassign their plot.** The Community Garden Coalition board may be asked to help moderate any disputes as needed.

- You are responsible for the care and maintenance of your plot, and it is intended for growing food, flowers and herbs for personal consumption.
- If you need to be out of town, please arrange for someone else to tend to your plot. If you are having trouble taking care of your plot or decide to give it up, please contact your garden leader(s) as soon as possible. If your plot becomes overgrown and your garden leader(s) can't get in touch with you, your plot may be assigned to another gardener.
- All gardeners are required to help with the general upkeep of the entire community garden. Your garden leader(s) may organize work parties for this purpose. If you are unable to attend a scheduled work session, please plan to spend approximately two hours per month on your own to help maintain the common garden areas. Contact your garden leader for chores that need doing.
- Please pick up trash wherever you see it. Ask your garden leader about trash disposal at your garden site.
- If your garden has a compost pile, put weeds, dead plants, etc. into it. Any diseased plants should be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens.
- Gardeners are not allowed to erect permanent structures.
- Gardeners should not create or claim plots without permission from their Garden Leader. Do not apply anything to or pick anything from another gardener's plot without their express approval.
- [Organic gardening](#) is required in the Claudell Lane garden and strongly encouraged in the other gardens. If you need or have questions about gardening organically, contact your garden leader or email info@comogardens.org.
- Please remember to turn off the water, roll up the hose at the faucet area, return tools to the shed and lock the shed before leaving the garden.
- At the end of the gardening season, please clean up your plot. If you are not returning next season, remove all plants and non-plant materials. If you plan to return, please remove any invasive weeds and diseased plants, cages and other temporary supports. For returning gardeners, it may be fine to leave certain living [cover crops](#), overwintering plants (like garlic) or the stalks of [dead plants that might benefit pollinating insects over the winter](#). See your garden leader for more specific information.

Gardener Guidelines Continued

- Smoking and chewing tobacco are discouraged in the gardens; tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes, and cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.
- Use common courtesy and be considerate in all communication with your garden leader(s) and gardening neighbors so that everyone can enjoy the garden. The use of harsh or aggressive language will not be tolerated.
- At this time, the coalition does not charge gardeners a fee for gardening. However, some individual gardens may choose to charge a nominal fee.
- We encourage all gardeners to [make a donation](#) to the Community Garden Coalition of any amount you can afford to help cover the cost of insurance, compost, tools, supplies, water and other expenses. Your contribution will go a long way towards sustaining the CGC and your own community garden.