



Community Garden at South Branch Preserve 2024 Membership Agreement

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the Community Garden at South Branch Preserve! We look forward to gardening with you next season. You can mail, email, or deliver the completed and signed membership agreement, along with payment, to The Land Conservancy of New Jersey, Attn: Garden Manager, 19 Boonton Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005.

Payment is due with this application and is nonrefundable. Checks should be made payable to: The Land Conservancy of New Jersey. If you have any questions, please contact Amber Ray at (973) 957-7195 or aray@tlc-nj.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Payment Options:

- Enclosed please find my check made payable to **The Land Conservancy of New Jersey**
 Please charge \$_____ to my credit card: Visa Master Card Amex

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Card Verification number: _____

Are you a current member of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey? Yes No

By signing this Membership Agreement and being accepted as a Member of the Community Garden at South Branch Preserve, I (the "Gardener") agree to abide by all the rules, policies, and practices set forth herein and those posted at the Community Garden at South Branch Preserve. I understand and agree that these rules, policies, and practices may be subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey. I further understand that failure to abide by these rules, policies, and practices may be grounds for forfeiture of my garden plot(s).

Authorized Signature: _____

2024 Garden Plots

145 plots are available at the Community Garden at South Branch Preserve. Plots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each plot is 10' x 10'. Fees noted below are for single plots and include an annual membership fee and a one-time irrigation fee for each new gardener. A gardener may apply for more than one plot if plots are available.

	Quantity	Fee	Total
Annual Garden Membership		\$35 (resident of Mt. Olive Township) \$35 (member of The Land Conservancy) \$45 (non-resident) \$45 (non-member of The Land Conservancy)	\$
Irrigation Fee		\$30 (per plot) (one-time fee)	\$
Donation or Land Conservancy Membership		\$50 membership Other \$ _____	\$
Total Payment Due:			\$

The garden plot holder must be the primary gardener. Should the gardener give up a plot for any reason, the plot will be made available to individuals on the waiting list. Gardeners may not reassign a plot. If a gardener must give up a plot for personal reasons, they must notify the Garden Manager. All fees are non-refundable.

Name: _____ (please print)

Current gardener plot number(s): _____

Site Preference: (plot number, in order of preference, see garden map for reference):

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

All gardeners are encouraged to participate in events and volunteer at the garden. Opportunities include:

- Garden Committee
- Grounds Maintenance (Plantings around fence, garden paths and walking path from parking lot, sitting area)
- Social Events

Community Garden at South Branch Preserve 2024 Waiver

I hereby agree to hold harmless The Land Conservancy of New Jersey and its directors, officers, members, successors, assignees, employees, agents, and invitees from any and all damage, loss of whatever kind, liability, injury, claim, demand, suit, cost and expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of or in connection with the participation in or use of the Community Garden at South Branch Preserve.

All guests brought into the Community Garden at South Branch Preserve will be the responsibility of the gardener. The gardener agrees to accompany and supervise any guest, visitor and/or children brought into the Community Garden at South Branch Preserve at all times and also agrees to be responsible for the conduct of any of these parties. The Land Conservancy of New Jersey will not be held responsible for any injuries sustained by any visitor, guest and/or child.

Name: (please print) _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Visit The Land Conservancy website for additional information: www.tlc-nj.org

2024 Rules and Regulations

1. Gardeners will plant and maintain their garden plot between April 1 and November 30. If by June 1 there is no sign of activity, your plot will be forfeited to the next person on the waiting list.
2. Gardens must be kept clean and well maintained:
 - a. No plants considered contraband under state or federal law are allowed within the Community Garden.
 - b. Use of non-organic pesticides or fertilizers is not allowed.
 - c. The plot and area immediately surrounding it, including pathways between plots, must be kept free of weeds, invasive plants, rotting vegetation, and all other debris.
 - d. Gardeners should add soil to their plots and wood chips to the pathways around their plots as needed. Soil is available from the compost area or bring your own.
 - e. Organic garden waste materials not used within the plot may be placed in the designated compost area. Please do not add waste from home to this area.
 - f. All trash and debris must be removed from the garden by the gardener.
 - g. The use of grass clippings is not allowed within the Community Garden.
 - h. Gardeners must plant and keep all vegetation within their established plot.
 - i. Tall crops are to be planted where they will not shade neighboring plots. No trees are allowed.
 - j. No permanent garden structures are allowed.
 - k. If you are not renewing your plot for the 2025 season, you must remove everything from your plot at the end of the 2024 season.
3. The garden gate must remain closed at all times and locked upon leaving the garden. This is for the safety of our community and to keep out critters.
4. A few wheelbarrows and tools are available in the garden shed for gardeners to share. No personal garden tools may be stored in the garden shed.
5. The Community Garden's water is non-potable and is only to be used on the plots. Water spigots must be securely turned off after every use and hoses wrapped & secured.
6. Gardeners may only harvest from their own plots unless given permission by other gardeners.
7. All guests brought into the Community Garden are the responsibility of the gardener.
8. No alcohol, chewing tobacco, or smoking of any kind is allowed on the premises.
9. No firearms are allowed on the premises.
10. No pets are allowed in the Community Garden.
11. No vehicles are permitted on any paths and must be parked in the designated parking lot.
12. Vandalism and other damage within the garden should be reported to the Mount Olive Police Department (973) 691-0850 or The Land Conservancy of New Jersey (973) 541-1010.
13. If a gardener must abandon their garden plot for any reason, they must notify The Land Conservancy of New Jersey promptly.
14. Returning gardeners must notify the Land Conservancy by February 29 and pay by March 15 if you wish to renew your plot.
15. The Land Conservancy of New Jersey reserves the right to render a final decision concerning any dispute related to the Community Garden, Rules and Regulations, and volunteer activities.