



2022 Application

Thank you for your interest in participating in the MARC Community Garden this year! There are two ways to be involved in the garden:

1. Garden Plot Renters:

- Rent a plot and grow your own food in your plot,
- Help maintain and harvest from our shared spaces,
- Participate in workshops and events free of charge.

Garden plots are only assigned when payment (in full) is received, and agreements are signed. Plots are given on a first come, first serve basis with no guarantees on specific plots. Plots are non-transferable.

If you receive a plot, you will have access to:

- One raised wooden garden bed measuring 4x8 feet and approximately 12" tall, filled with soil,
- Hand tools, wheelbarrows, water (within reason),
- Garden beds are within an 8-foot deer fence and in a very sunny location.

Payment for plot rentals can be made in the following ways:

- \$10 per plot if on SNAP benefits
- \$30 + 3 volunteer hours/month
- \$10 + 5 volunteer hours/month
- \$40 + 2 volunteer hours/month
- \$20 + 4 volunteer hours/month

2. Friends of the Garden:

- Are committed volunteers,
- Help maintain and harvest produce from our shared spaces,
- Have access to the garden shed, equipment, etc.
- Participate in workshops and events free of charge.

Friends of the Garden are committed volunteers that help plant, maintain, and contribute to our gardens. Friends are required to make a minimum donation of \$20 to the garden. (1 donation/household)

- Payment may be made by cash, check, credit card or debit card at the Meadville Area Recreation Complex - make checks payable to the "Meadville Area Recreation Complex," adding "Community Garden" in the memo line.
- We will be asking members to work in small groups, or "Seed Pods", in the shared space garden. Each pod (4-5 people) will have a point person to provide help and advice while they plant their assigned crop, learning together about how to plant, maintain and harvest a particular crop.
- The public is always welcome at workshops and events for a small fee.
- We encourage member to contribute hours during shared work sessions.



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1. Applicant Information
 - a. First Name: _____
 - b. Last Name: _____
 - c. Street Address: _____
 - d. City: _____
 - e. Zip code: _____
 - f. Email: _____
 - g. Phone: _____

2. Preferred Primary Method of Contact:
 - a. E-mail
 - b. Phone
 - c. Text

3. Are you eligible for SNAP, WIC, Medical ACCESS and/or other government assistance programs?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

4. Would you like to apply to rent a plot or sign up as a Friend of the Garden?
 - a. Rent a plot
 - b. Friend of the Garden

5. If you had a plot in 2021, would you like to have that same plot?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No, but I don't care which plot I get
 - c. No, but I want a specific one
 - d. I did not have a plot in 2021

6. If you want a specific plot, which one do you want? _____

7. Do you plan to share a plot with someone who is not in your household?
 - a. Yes, I know who I want to share my plot with
 - b. No
 - c. I would like to be matched with someone else looking to share a plot



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8. If yes, what is their name, so that we can match your applications? Please ask that person to also fill out an application_____

9. Would you prefer an elevated, wheelchair accessible bed (3 feet off the ground)?

- a. Yes, I require this option to garden
- b. Yes, I would prefer this option
- c. No, I do not need this option

10. For purposes of Seed Pod placement, how would you describe your level of gardening experience?

11. Are there any additional accommodations you may need to work in the garden?

12. If you do not receive your own plot, would you still like to receive weekly e-mail updates about garden events that are open to the public (i.e. workshops, events and volunteer opportunities)?

13. Are you interested in any of the following leadership and volunteer roles?

*Please check any that are of interest to you, so you can learn more. These roles can be shared among several people if you do not want to take on a project entirely yourself.

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| a. Garden Committee Member | f. Planting, watering |
| b. Garden Photographer | g. Mentoring |
| c. Teaching a Workshop on a Gardening or Cooking Topic of Your Choice | h. Newsletter, social media |
| d. Mowing | i. 2 nd Saturday and/or Farmer's Market |
| e. Weed eating | j. Staining, repairs |