

## Corcoran Community Garden & Milly's Peace Garden

This is the application for two (2) different community gardens:

- CORCORAN COMMUNITY GARDEN** at 3301 24th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN is a community garden operated collectively by its Gardeners in collaboration with the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO), which holds a lease with property owner CenturyLink.
- MILLY'S PEACE GARDEN** at 2017 E 38th St, Minneapolis, MN is a community garden operated collectively by its Gardeners in collaboration with CNO, which holds a lease with property owner PRG.

**PLOT SIZE AND COST:** Corcoran plots are 4'x12', 6'x12', and 10'x12' in size; Milly's plots are roughly 72-96 sq feet. Several accessible raised bed plots will be available for disabled gardeners. Cost for plots vary based on size. Raised beds and 4'x12' are \$35, 6'x12' is \$50, and 10'x12' is \$60; If you would like to share a plot with another gardener, please specify this in the application. If you are financially not able to pay \$35-\$40, contact CNO staff (see below) for help.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Please complete and sign this Application Form and Gardener Agreement and return both with your payment to the CNO office (3451 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407) Applications can be mailed or dropped off at the office in the mail slot. Payment is by cash or check (payable to CNO). This is a lottery system and applicants will be notified by 3/15 (March 15th) if they will receive a plot. Applicants not selected will have their application fees returned. Application and Agreement forms must be complete and signed, with payment included.

**LOTTERY PROCESS:** Garden plots will be assigned to applicants using a blind lottery administered by CNO. The lottery will give top priority to returning gardeners; they will receive the same plot if they request it. Second priority will be given to residents who live within ¼ mile of their preferred garden who do not have access to gardening space at home. Third priority will be given to other residents who live within ¼ mile of their preferred garden. All other applications will be considered in the final round of the lottery.

Please return your completed and signed Application Form and Gardener Agreement and payment as soon as possible:

**Corcoran Neighborhood Organization  
3451 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55407**

Questions? Please contact CNO Staff at [info@corcoranneighborhood.org](mailto:info@corcoranneighborhood.org) or 612-724-7457.

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**FIRST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you be gardening with anyone else?** If so, please list the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of these individuals:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Garden:** (Check one)

- Milly's Peace Garden (one size) - \$40     Corcoran Community Garden:
- 4'x12'-\$35 ( 11 available)
  - 6'x12'- \$50 (3 available)
  - 10'x12'-\$60 (4 available)

**Please check any of the following that apply:**

- I am a returning gardener. Plot # and garden: \_\_\_\_\_
- I will be gardening with children.
- I do not have access to gardening space at my home.
- I need an accessible raised bed in order to participate in the garden.
- I am interested in taking a leadership role (e.g. serving as a contact person, organizing work days, planning / leading classes or events, etc.).
- I am bilingual and interested in helping to make sure non-English-speaking gardeners receive group announcements and communications.
- In addition to my own plot, I am interested in taking responsibility for a community plot designated for food shelf donations.

**What means of communication do you prefer?**

- Email, including being signed up for a Google group
- Phone call

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- Text messages
- All of the above

**Gardening experience: (circle)** Beginner      Practiced      Professional

**What inspired you to apply?** \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Gardener Agreement

If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following garden rules. Breaking any of these rules is grounds for exclusion from the garden and loss of my plot and payment. The garden members(s) are authorized to make decisions about and enforce these rules.

1. I will be responsible for my designated garden plot.
2. I will participate in activities as planned by the community garden coordinator(s) and complete any general garden maintenance tasks the garden coordinators assign me in a prompt manner. I will participate in a minimum of one work day during the season.
3. I will abide by the rules for the plots:
  - Plots must be kept reasonably free of weeds and debris.
  - Plants must be grown within the borders of the plot, not grow more than six feet high, and not shade other plots.
  - No pesticides or herbicides may be used.
  - Organic waste must be placed in the compost bin, except for diseased plants, which must be thrown in the garbage.
  - I will not waste water (i.e. leave the hose on, over-water my plants, water outside of my plot, etc.)
  - These plants may not be grown: comfrey, grass, sweet grass, or any perennials.
  - No chain link fencing may be used.
4. If there is a problem with my plot, I will contact CNO for limited support.
5. I will treat all tools gently and will put them back where they belong. I will lock the shed after use. After using the hose, I will coil it up and put it back where it belongs.
6. With regard to behavior at the garden site,
  - I will be respectful of other gardeners and not use abusive language toward them. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*By submitting this application I acknowledge I have read the Community Gardener Agreement and will comply with these rules, if I am selected to be a Gardener. I agree to hold harmless both CNO and the Property Owner against any future actions or events that might occur as a Gardener or an attendee at gardening events. I agree to the use of photographs of me and others I bring to the site for uses by CNO including newsletter and web.*

- I will be respectful of the garden property. I will stay within the fenced-in garden area while participating in garden activities.
- I will be respectful of neighbors and surrounding property and will not participate in loud, boisterous behavior that could disturb neighbors or other gardeners.

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...with regard to behavior at the garden site (continued),

- I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or use drugs in the garden or come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
  - I will not bring weapons to the garden.
  - I will keep my plot as well as the paths and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will take any trash or recycling home with me and not leave it at the garden site. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home.
  - I may bring kitchen scraps to be composted, but only fruit and vegetable waste.
7. If I bring my children to the garden, I will actively supervise them.
  8. If I bring a dog to the garden, I will keep the dog on a leash, actively supervise it at all times, and pick up after it.
  9. I understand that my attendance (or at least a representative) may be required at the garden orientation meeting at the garden on a date to be set by the staff

Neither Corcoran Neighborhood Organization nor the garden organizers assume any liability for accidents or injury to participants or others either on or adjacent to the garden area. Neither Corcoran Neighborhood Organization nor the garden organizers assume responsibility for acts of vandalism or loss of crops or property due to theft.

I agree to abide by these rules (must be signed by each of the gardeners listed on your application).

*Plot Leader Name* (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Addn'l Gardener Name* (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

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