

Guidelines for Registration – MARSH GARDEN 2024

1. Registration

We have had great interest in our garden over winter with many possible new gardeners. With that in mind, we are asking ALL returning gardeners to be registered by April 15, 2024. On April 15, 2024 I am going to contact all potential new gardeners. Registering by this date will hold your plot(s) from last year.

We are asking all returning gardeners to MAIL the registration form. If you cannot mail, I will be at the garden from 9-10 AM on April 20 (weather permitting) to receive any registration forms if you wish to hand it rather than mail.

Directions:

a. **Mail your check or cash along with the signed indemnification form (filled out) AND invoice to James Cottingham at the address listed on your invoice.**

All gardeners must sign the indemnification form each year. It must be received before you begin gardening for the season.

b. **I will email you confirmation of your registration along with Garden 2024 rules and procedures.**

2. Cost: The cost of your initial plot is **\$60. Second plots are now \$30.**

3. Plot assignment

a. **2024 Gardeners:** Any person(s) who gardened in 2023 and wish to continue have their plot(s) reserved for the 2024 season will have their plots held until April 15, 2024. If you need more time to remit payment, please send an email to marshgar14@gmail.com.

b. **New Gardeners:** Your plots will be assigned after April 15th.

4. Second Plot

Any gardener who had a second plot in 2024 may keep both plots. **Please indicate through your payment of \$90.00 that you wish to keep both plots.** Any other gardener that may wish to rent a second plot **will need to wait until after the initial registration period.** If there are second plots available, an email will go out to gardeners. Any returning gardeners who had two plots and wish to downsize to one plot should email me. There were a few gardeners who may have planted on a 3rd plot last year rather than have it go unused. In the early stages of registration, we may need to limit you to 2 of those plots.

5. Important Dates to Remember:

Beginning March 23, 2024 Initial Registration Period

All returning gardeners **must** indicate as soon as possible whether or not they wish to rent their plot for the 2024 season. Plots may be released to new gardeners if the registrar does not hear from you. **Please mail your registration to arrive by April 15, 2024 to reserve last year's plot(s).**

April 20, 2024– Official Garden Opening Day

- You may work in your plot only after the proper indemnification forms have been received by Marsh Sanctuary. Returning gardeners do not need to wait until April 20 to begin cleaning their plots.
- This will also be the opening workday. We will need help. More information to follow.
- Of course, all returning gardeners may begin using their existing plots before the 20th as long as they are registered.

6. Contact information:

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