

APPLICATION

1. Name: _____ 2. Date: ____ / ____ / ____

3. Where would you like to garden?

- Pierce Meadow | behind 365 Lindell Avenue, Leominster
- Sundial | 179 Elm Street, Fitchburg
- Prichard Street | 154 Prichard Street, Fitchburg
- Cleghorn | 46 Woodland Street, Fitchburg
- Maybarton | 159 High Street, Clinton

4. Email: _____

5. Mailing Address: _____

6. City, State, ZIP: _____

7. Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____

8. Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____ 9. Texting ok? ____

10. Preferred language to speak/write: _____

11. # of Adults in Household _____

12. # of Children in Household _____

13. Income (estimated total annual gross household income before taxes) _____ [This information is required to process your application. It will be kept confidential and not shared with any other sources.]

14. Do you receive:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EACD/
Welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Start | <input type="checkbox"/> TAFDC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSI | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the
above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIC | | |

15. Do you have space for a garden at home? _____

By signing below, I certify that all of the information above is true and correct.

Printed Name / Signature

Date



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY TEACHING GARDENS?

Community Teaching Gardens (CTGs) have gardening education built right into the season so that everyone—from beginners to experienced vegetable gardeners—has the support they need to grow, harvest and use fresh, healthy produce.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

CTGs are perfect for NCMA residents looking for:

- Space to garden (one 4-foot-by-8-foot raised bed)
- Beginner gardening lessons
- Quality, inexpensive plant material
- Garden-to-table recipes (and samples!)
- A community of local gardeners

All applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis with priority given to income-qualified households in Leominster, Fitchburg and Clinton.

We strongly encourage families to garden together and welcome children ages 12 and up to join in during gardening lessons!

SCHEDULE

* required attendance for first-year gardeners, optional for returning gardeners

** required attendance for all gardeners

Opening Day ** (March/April)

Meet your fellow gardeners and get to know your garden!

- Gardener introductions
- Orientation to the garden
- Gardening lessons: composting, water conservation and organic pest prevention

Spring Planting Day * (April)

Learn how to plant and care for your early season garden.

- Cool-weather plant sale, free starter planting kit for first-year gardeners!
- Gardening lessons: planning, planting, weeding and watering

Summer Planting Day * (May)

Learn how to plant and care for your full-season crops.

- Warm-weather plant sale, free starter kit for first-year gardeners!
- Gardening lessons: organic pest and disease management, pruning

Weekly Garden Hours * (May-October)

(required through June for first-year gardeners)

Get the help you need, when you need it—with tasty snacks!

- GP staff and volunteers available for garden Q&A
- Seasonal gardening mini-lessons
- Garden-to-table recipe tastings—yum!

Closing Day ** (October/November)

Learn how to put the garden to bed for winter.

- Garden clean-up and winter preparations
- Gardening lessons: soil care and winter prep

COST

If your household size is...	And your household income is no more than...	And your household income is <u>no</u> more than...	And your household income is <u>greater than</u> ...
1 person	28,000	48,000	48,000
2 people	32,000	54,900	54,900
3 people	36,000	57,100	57,100
4 people	40,000	68,600	68,600
5 people	43,200	74,100	74,100
6 people	46,400	79,600	79,600
7 people	49,600	85,100	85,100
8 people	52,800	90,600	90,600
First-Year Fee	\$10	\$20	\$45
Annual Fee	\$15	\$25	\$50
If your institution's budget is...	Under \$500,000	Up to \$2.5m	Over \$2.5m
Annual Fee	\$30	\$45	\$50

TO APPLY

We accept applications through mid-April for the upcoming season and approve gardeners on a rolling basis.

Send completed applications to staff@growingplaces.org or mail to Growing Places, 325 Lindell Avenue, Leominster, MA 01453.

Any questions, please call (978) 598-3723 x804. Thanks!