



## **Membership Information**

*The Grayling Community Garden is open to all residents of Crawford County regardless of age. The garden is located at the corner of Madsen and Mary Ann Streets, made available courtesy of the Carl W. Borchers Post Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) #3736. The garden is sponsored by the local VFW, the Crawford County Commission on Aging, Michigan State University Extension, Crawford County Christian Help Center, and Huron Pines.*

*[Get updates on the Grayling Community Garden by visiting us on Facebook!](#)*

### ***Individual Plots***

*Individual plots are available for individuals and groups on a first come, first served basis. Plots will vary in size depending on the amount of interest and space. Those who wish to be responsible for an individual plot, aka the "Primary Gardener", must agree to the Garden Membership Agreement and the Plot Usage Agreement, both of which are included at the end of this form. The fee is \$25 per individual plot, paid by the "Primary Gardener." There is no fee for additional "Garden Members" who may help on that plot. Payment can be made by cash, check, or card at the Crawford County Commission on Aging Senior Center, located at 4388 West M-72 Hwy, in Grayling, OR payment can be made online at: <https://www.crawfordcoa.org/make-a-donation>. For online payments, please note the purpose of "Garden Registration Fee." Please do not bring payments to the garden. To inquire about a fee waiver or with any other questions, please contact the leadership at [graylinggarden@gmail.com](mailto:graylinggarden@gmail.com).*

### ***Community Plots***

*Community plots are used to grow food to share with the community. Food will be distributed to local nonprofit organizations to help feed individuals and families in Crawford County. Volunteers who wish to help maintain community plots or contribute to the garden mission in general must agree to the Garden Membership Agreement. There is no fee to participate as a Garden Volunteer.*



## **Registration Form**

Membership Type:    Select one

- **Primary Gardener - \$25.00** (person who is responsible for individual garden plot)
- **Garden Member - \$0.00** (person who will be gardening on a plot with the primary gardener)
- **Garden Volunteer - \$0.00** (person who wishes to contribute at the community garden)

**If you are joining as a part of a club, family, or other group, who will you be gardening with?**

Personal Information:

**First name:**

**Last name:**

**Street address:**

**City, State:**

**Zip code:**

**Is your mailing address different from the above address?** ○ Yes ○ No

**Home phone:**

**Cell phone:**

**Email:**

**What is your preferred contact method?**

- Select one
- Phone call
  - Text message
  - E-mail

**I am interested in (select all that apply):**

- ☐ Gardening classes
  - ☐ Community events
  - ☐ Volunteering "on the ground" in the garden
  - ☐ Volunteering "behind the scenes" to help manage the garden
  - ☐ None of the above
- Other:

**What is your age group?**    55 to 64

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 or over
- Prefer not to answer

Emergency Contact Info:

**First name:**

**Last name:**

**Relationship:**

**Phone:**

Membership and Plot Usage Agreements:

- ☐ **I have read and agree to the Grayling Community Garden Membership Agreement.**

For Primary Gardeners only:

- ☐ **I have read and agree to the Grayling Community Garden Plot Usage Agreement**
- ☐ **I have paid my registration fee.**

**Signature:**

**Date:**



## **Membership Agreement**

*By becoming a member of the Grayling Community Garden, I understand and agree to the following:*

- A. I release the owner of the property and the GCG group from and against any liability, damage, loss, claim, demand, suit cost, and expense that occurs in connection to use of the garden by me or my guests.
- B. I agree to have my name/group name posted in association with my plot at the GCG.
- C. I will notify the GCG if my contact information changes, in a timely fashion.
- D. I grant GCG a media and limited information release.
- E. I authorize GCG to use my name, quotes, videos, and/or photos of me as they relate to my involvement as a member of GCG. This information can be shared with the public to promote awareness of and fulfillment of the mission of the GCG via websites, social media, printed promotional material, educational material, meeting notes, and other channels of public communication.
- F. GCG will not release your contact information to the public.
- G. GCG will not sell or share your contact information with any 3rd party.
- H. GCG values your safety. Media release exemptions are available upon request.
- I. As a member of the GCG, 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. I understand that breaking any of the **GCG Ground Rules** below can result in immediate removal:
  - 1. Open from dusk 'til dawn to registered gardeners only.
  - 2. No pets or animals allowed in the garden.
  - 3. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
  - 4. Children and guests must be accompanied by a registered gardener.
  - 5. Unregistered guests may visit, but may not engage in gardening activities.
  - 6. Anyone who gardens at the GCG (including primary gardeners' family members, friends, etc.) must be registered as a garden member.
  - 7. No smoking, alcohol, drugs (including cannabis), weapons, or gambling are allowed on the premises. Do not come to the garden under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs.
  - 8. Abusive, profane, or discriminatory language or actions will not be tolerated.
  - 9. Shoes must be worn at all times (preferably thick-soled and closed-toed).
  - 10. Keep volume to a minimum when talking on the phone or listening to music.
  - 11. No running, shouting, fighting, or reckless behavior.
  - 12. Keep out of other gardeners' plots - do not take food or plants from plots.
  - 13. Respect other gardeners and their guests, and the garden grounds.
  - 14. Don't harvest anything that you did not plant.
  - 15. Clean and return all borrowed tools to the shed when finished using them.
  - 16. Pack out your own trash. (Garbage service is not included with membership.)
  - 17. The last gardener to leave must turn off water and lock all gates.



## **Plot Usage Agreement**

*By applying to be the primary gardener of an individual plot at the Grayling Community Garden (GCG), I understand and agree to the following:*

- A. I understand and agree to the GCG Membership Agreement
- B. I will pay a \$25 plot fee before starting (or inquire about scholarship if needed.)
- C. I will attend orientation (date TBD) or coordinate with GCG leadership to be assigned my plot.
- D. I understand that breaking any of the **GCG Ground Rules** (listed in GCG Membership Agreement) can result in immediate removal without refund.
- E. I am responsible for and have access to my plot from the date it is assigned to me, until October 31.
- F. I will actively cultivate my plot from June 1-October 31 for a personal, organic garden to grow plants primarily for my household or group (non-commercial, non-transferable).
- G. I will plant my plot no later than mid-June, or forfeit my plot and registration free.
- H. I will volunteer a minimum of 5 hours to general maintenance of the garden this year.
- I. I agree to water responsibility to conserve fresh water & our sensitive irrigation system. I understand that access to irrigation water is not guaranteed at any point. (Water from the spigot behind the metal shed is potable. Water is typically operational starting in May, ending in October. The automatic sprinklers are typically turned on after danger of last spring frost, and then turned off before danger of first fall frost. Timer schedule info will be shared in the GCG email newsletter and posted at the gate. The sprinkler timer schedule is subject to change at any time.)
- J. I will not install any fixtures (except seasonal trellises for supporting plants) and remove all items before November 1.
- K. I will not plant any illegal plant or marijuana.
- L. I will keep my plot and its surrounding paths neat, visually appealing, harvested, weeded, and free of pests and disease, using the organic practices set forth in the GCG Guidelines (Integrated Pest Management Protocol):
  - 1. Do not apply any synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or fertilizer under any circumstances.
  - 2. Control weeds. Weeds harbor pests and compete with crops for water and nutrients. Before planting anything, remove all weeds from your plot and the surrounding paths, and continue to do so throughout the entire growing season. Cover bare soil with leaf mulch to inhibit weed growth and maintain soil health. Wood chips are for paths and the fence border only. Ask for help when unable to attend to your plot for any length of time during the growing season. Be prepared for weed inspections.
  - 3. Plant the right plants, in the right place, at the right time. Research the necessary conditions, correct spacing and orientation, and time needed for everything you intend to grow. Ask for help if you're unsure.
  - 4. Promote beneficial insects by planting pollinator plants, and prevent pests by utilizing companion planting. Positively identify bugs to distinguish between beneficial insects and pests. Remove pests by hand as often as possible. Report pest problems to GCG leadership immediately so all gardeners can be made aware. Infestations will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. (continued on next page)



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5. Keep your plants healthy. Scout for pests and disease on a regular basis. Observe plants for symptoms and signs of stress, and try to figure out the cause. Ensure that your plants are receiving sufficient moisture and nutrients. Pruning foliage to maximize airflow around each plant will help minimize pests and disease, and can encourage growth. Healthy plants will be more disease-resistant and resilient to pest damage.
6. Keep the garden clean. Remove debris. Move all decaying plant matter to the compost pile. Discard diseased plant matter in the trash.
7. Spend time in the garden. Give your plants the attention that they need to thrive. Connect with other gardeners to learn, share, and grow as a community. Enjoy and take care of this space that we are cultivating together.
8. When in doubt, seek advice or assistance from other gardeners or GCG leadership by sending an email to Cheryl at [graylinggarden@gmail.com](mailto:graylinggarden@gmail.com) or calling/texting Katrina on her cell phone.
- M. To the best of my ability, I will enlist a backup buddy to help maintain my plot if I should need assistance at any point during the season.
- N. I will notify GCG leadership if my plot is not being maintained by myself or a buddy, or if I must abandon my plot before the end of the season. (Should circumstances arise where a member cannot maintain their plot for a period of time or the remainder of the growing season, the member is encouraged to reach out to the GCG leadership for assistance as soon as possible.)
- O. If GCG notices a plot is not being maintained or appears to be abandoned, GCG will attempt to contact the primary gardener. If the gardener is unable to be reached, and GCG is unable to assist the member to maintain the plot, GCG reserves the right to reclaim and/or clear the member's plot.
- P. I do not expect any form of reimbursement, compensation, or other tangible benefits returned to me for time, materials, or monetary investments I make as a GCG gardener.
- Q. I will not attempt to hold GCG responsible for weather, construction, personal health, or any other factors that affect my ability to garden as planned.
- R. I understand that GCG garden management policies may change without notice, and I agree to comply with these changes as they are established. I will stay up to date on policies by reading GCG email newsletters in a timely fashion. These newsletters may also include event information, gardening tips, etc.
- S. I understand that my plot is not private property. All items, plants (in ground or in containers), and infrastructure left at the GCG, whether during the garden season or over the winter, are left at my personal risk of theft or damage. After the garden closing date, all items must be removed or will be removed by the GCG leadership.
- T. I will clear my plot by November 1, leaving it in as good, or better, condition as it was when it was first assigned to me (or forfeit future membership.)