

**Minooka Community High School's**  
**FFA Community Garden Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Texting available: Yes No

E-mail (please use an email you check this email regularly!)

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What is your preferred method of contact? Phone Email Text

# of plots \_\_\_\_\_ Total Payment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Check Cash

Previous Gardener? Would you like the plot closest to your old plot? Yes No

If no, is there a preference of plots? \_\_\_\_\_

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**WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR PLOT TREATED WITH PREEN WEED  
PREVENTATIVE (CAN NOT PLANT SEEDS, ONLY TRANSPLANTS!)**

YES

NO

If nothing is selected – your plot will be  
treated with Preen!

**By signing below, you have read and understood the terms and  
conditions for the Minooka FFA Community Gardens.**

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## Welcome to the 2017 Community Garden Season!

Welcome back gardeners! We hope that you will continue to garden with us this year. There have been some big changes going on in your Community Garden plots for this year. Some of these changes are:

- Plot size has changed! We have made the plots a touch smaller due to most gardens getting out of control during the season. Our hope is that making them smaller will help keep them manageable. The new plot size is 8 feet x 16 feet. (Old size was 10 x 20)
- Watering! We realize that there has been some issues with water and making sure that the water is always on and available. We have developed watering stations that are located around the edges of the gardens. These watering stations are large mounted tanks that will allow you to fill watering cans at any time. The tanks can collect rainwater and can be filled. They are covered to keep bugs and garbage items from entering the water supply.
- The walkways are now done in sod! We have been working with Central Sod in Minooka to lay sod in all the walkways. Our hopes is that this will keep all weeds out and also to provide you with a smooth and clear path to your garden that is easy to walk.
- Weed preventative application! In order to try to maintain and control weeds in the garden plots, we are offering the option of having your plot treated with Preen before you start planting. Realize that if you treat with Preen – ***you cannot plant any seeds!*** *All garden plantings must be from transplants in a treated garden.* If you have questions or concerns about this – please contact Sara Strache at [sstrache@mchs.net](mailto:sstrache@mchs.net).
- Wildflower border! In order to keep the gardens looking nice and to attract bees for pollination, we will be planting a wildflower border along the North and East side of the gardens. This will be seeded so it may take a while to get going but should be beautiful when done. Thank you to Fair Oaks Farms for the donation of the wildflowers!
- More Gardens available! Due to changes in size of walkways we were able to add 11 more garden plots!!!

The Minooka FFA has been working hard to make improvements so that you may have a more enjoyable gardening experience.

## Garden Rental – Quick Facts

1. Garden Rental for the 2017 garden season is \$30 a plot. This allows you one 8ft x 16 ft garden plot.
2. Anticipated garden season will start Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – weather permitting. It has been a difficult early spring with all the rain and we are working hard to get the plots all ready for you to start planting. You will be notified by the email you registered with if the garden opening has been delayed
3. Gardeners are allowed to rent as many gardens as they like.
4. Gardens may be rented through the following procedure:
  - a. Please fill out the Garden Rental Form
  - b. Return the Garden Rental Form, including the Rental Fee.
    - Return either by mail or by dropping off at the Central Campus during normal school hours.
  - c. Garden assignment will occur at least one week before gardens are open. **You will be notified of your garden location by the email that you registered with. If no email is available, you will be notified by phone.**
  - d. Payment may be made in cash or check. If paying by check, please make payment to MCHS. Payment is expected at the time of rental.
5. You are allowed to plant anything that you like. We do ask that you keep all vine plants in your plots.
6. Please be a good neighbor to your fellow gardeners. Be careful of any fertilizers or insecticides that you may use that they don't drift into neighboring plots.
7. The Community Garden plot program will not tolerate stealing of others vegetables, flowers, or any other items in plots. Each plot is managed for that individuals' use only. Wildlife and/or humans may present a small problem to the gardens and MCHS is in no way responsible for theft or damages done by either of them.
8. The gardens will close the last week of October. Please make sure that you have all items removed and cleaned out of your gardens by that time.

9. If the Gardens become unkempt or look abandoned, the MCHS Community Garden Student Manager will contact the plot owner. The gardener will have one week to correct this problem and if they do not, the plot will be tilled. This is to prevent weeds from spreading to other plots that have been properly maintained.
10. Gardeners should not leave anything at the garden plots such as buckets, tools, or any other personal items. MCHS is not responsible for anything left and they will properly dispose
11. Water stations will be provided. Please make sure that the spigot is turned off when you are finished with watering. If there are issues with a watering station, please contact the Student Garden Manager.
12. Overall, have fun and enjoy the experience of gardening.

### **Contact Information**

#### **High School Main Office**

(815) 467-2140

#### **Minooka Police**

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (815) 467-2298

#### **Sara Strache**

##### **FFA Advisor**

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#### **Kara Robson**

##### **Community Garden Student Manager**

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