



**RAILYARD  
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## **GARDEN IN THE PARK** **Railyard Park Community Garden Application**

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***Important:** Please read the following **membership agreement** before you apply for a plot in the Railyard Park! For more information, contact the Railyard Stewards at [info@railyardpark.org](mailto:info@railyardpark.org), or 505-988-5922. Check out our website at [www.railyardpark.org](http://www.railyardpark.org).*

Name of Applicant(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of applicants: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Roughly how far is your home from the Railyard Park? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you already have access to garden space at your home or else where? yes / no

*I have read and understood the Railyard Park Community Gardens "Garden Use Agreement" document (attached) and agree to all of the terms set forth therein. I certify that the information above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that providing false information will result in the withdrawal of my application.*

*I understand that a membership fee of \$15 is due within 2 weeks of notification that I have been awarded a plot.*

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this application to: Railyard Stewards, 1600 Lena Street, Building C, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

OR

Fax to The Trust for Public Land – Railyard Stewards at (505) 988-5967.

**Completed Applications must be received by March 16 2010 in order to be considered for a plot. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.**

## **RAILYARD PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

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We are lucky to have two community gardens in the **Railyard Park**, and are excited you want to participate! Please note that participation for 1 growing season (date of obtaining plot through December 2011) costs \$15 for water and common materials (hoses, etc), and volunteering in communal areas and in the park is highly encouraged. Membership is on a first come, first serve basis.

The Railyard Park has two spaces for individual plots – limited areas in the pueblo-style “waffle garden” and the acequia garden at the south end of the park. We have tools for your use in a shed on site, about 100 yards from the waffle garden and 200 yards from the acequia garden. Please remember that this is a public park, so the stealing of your produce is a possibility, as well as interaction with the homeless. If you have any questions, contact the Railyard Stewards at 505-988-5922 or at [info@railyardpark.org](mailto:info@railyardpark.org).

We ask that you follow a few simple rules to make the gardens a safe and beautiful addition to the park:

### **General Rules:**

1. These are organic gardens. I will not use pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic fertilizers in the gardens. For a list of organic alternatives, go to <http://santafecommunitygardens.org>.
2. I realize that the gardens are located in a city park, and I will abide by all of the rules of the Railyard Park, including hours of operation.
3. I understand that alcohol and drugs are not permitted in the gardens.
4. I am responsible for the conduct of any guests I bring to the garden.
5. I understand that if I fail to follow the rules set forth in this document, I will risk forfeiting my plot and my right to participate as a member of the Railyard Park Stewards Community Garden.
6. When working in the Community Gardens, I understand that I am acting as an ambassador for the Railyard Stewards, and agree to treat members of the public and other volunteers with kindness and respect.

### **Railyard Community Garden Rules:**

I agree that my plot is allocated to me solely for the purposes of gardening. Any other use of my plot (including, but not limited to, commerce, social gathering, storage of personal belongings, development, soliciting, and advertising) is strictly prohibited.

1. I agree to work in my garden by May 15, 2010, and have it planted by the end of May.
2. I agree to attend to my plot regularly (at least 2 times a week is usually required) for the entire growing seasons and to keep my plot well-maintained, including keeping the plot free of weeds and debris. If your plot is not kept up, the Railyard Stewards will contact you to remedy the situation. If you do not respond within two weeks, your plot may be released to another volunteer member.

3. I will not plant perennials or plants that will excessively shade my neighbor's plot(s).
4. I agree to follow city requirements for water use, and will not water my plot between the hours of 10am and 6pm. I will use acequia water (as possible) on the appropriate day. I will not give the water code out to non-members.
5. I agree to pay my dues (\$15) within 2 weeks of being assigned a plot, and I understand that I will not be assigned a plot number until my dues have been paid. (Checks should be made out to The Trust for Public Land – Railyard Stewards). If I do not pay my dues within 2 weeks, I understand that I forfeit my plot. Dues fees will not be returned if your plot is released due to non-compliance with this document.
6. I agree to treat my fellow gardeners with kindness and respect. Should an issue arise, I agree to use the available grievance procedures to attempt to resolve the problem.
7. I understand that this community garden is in a public park, and that the Railyard Stewards and the City of Santa Fe are not responsible for stolen produce or damage to my plot.
8. I agree to make every effort to attend (or for one of my eligible family members to attend) all member meetings and will make a strong attempt to attend common workdays.
9. I understand that my use of this community garden plot is for the 2010 growing season, and I will need to reapply annually for future use of this communal space.
10. I understand that the placement of fences and permanent signs, structures or artwork will need to be approved by the Railyard Stewards and partners as applicable.
11. I agree to abide by the rules set forth in The Trust for Public Land's Conservation Easement on the Railyard Park and Plaza, and by the Policies and Procedures for the Railyard Park and Plaza.

By signing this form below, I indicate my desire to participate in the Railyard Park Community Gardens and attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this participation, and that I am at least 18 years of age (minors require signature of their parent or legal guardian). In consideration of my acceptance as a participant in this Event, I hereby agree to release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Sponsors (The City of Santa Fe and the Railyard Stewards) from any and all claims for any and all expenses, personal injury, loss or damages incurred or caused by me during or in connection with my participating in this program. Also in consideration for my acceptance as a participant in this program, I grant full permission for the Sponsors to use photographs, portraits, film and videos of me and quotations made by me now and in the future in any manner or media and for any purpose.

**I (We), \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understood and agree to adhere to all of the rules listed above.**

**Signatures \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**