

# Victory Garden Application Form 2024

**All garden teams are required to complete and submit an application form each year.** Forms may be printed, signed and mailed to the Parks and Recreation Department, 8 Simpson St, Newtown CT 06740, or forms may be dropped off at the P&R office at the Newtown Community Center. Deadline for applications is Friday, MARCH 15, 2024.

Name of Team/Individual \_\_\_\_\_

If Team - Name of Contact Person (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have a row(s) last year? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which row(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want the same row(s) this year? Y/N \_\_\_\_\_

Other requests \_\_\_\_\_

If you are new to the Victory Garden, would you like a row for yourself (Team) or would you prefer to volunteer either with another row or be a general volunteer and help where needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ My own / group row.

\_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer with another row

\_\_\_\_\_ Be a general volunteer

If you are new to the Victory Garden, do you have any previous vegetable gardening experience? Y/N. \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

See next page for garden rules and guidelines. Please read them, sign and return with application

## **2024 Victory Garden Rules and Guidelines**

*The following guidelines are established for this garden. Please read them and sign below. Direct any questions to the Victory Garden Committee email Victgarden17@gmail.com.*

1. Victory Garden volunteers support the mission of the garden to grow fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers for donation to the needy.
2. Donations are to be documented in the Victory Garden Log in the garden shed along with rows where donations were grown, and organizations receiving them (FAITH Food Pantry, Nunnawalk Meadows, Real Food CT etc). Record weight of donations where possible.
3. Individuals or Teams adopting a row (or rows) commit to regular attention to it: preparing the soil, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting and delivering. If you realize your row will not have enough attention to be successful, please inform the Victory Garden Committee early on so that we may find additional help or reassign the row.
4. Rows, adjoining pathways, and surroundings are to be kept free of weeds and spreading plants encroaching on other rows, and tall plants like corn or multiple sunflowers that shade other rows. At the end of the gardening season, all dead plants and non-plant materials (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic etc) must be removed and disposed of properly, and gardens left neat and tidy.
5. Gardeners from the previous season have first claim to their row(s) from the previous season. Rows without significant donations and/or not maintained may be reassigned.

6. Be mindful to harvest your crops in a timely way. Rotting or overgrown vegetables are a shameful waste. Do not harvest from rows other than your own without permission from that row's team. Use the Pink Flag system (see in the garden shed) to permit others to harvest your row when you will be away or unable to.
7. Chemical pesticides and herbicides are NOT allowed in the garden.
8. Wood chips, compost and water are provided by the P&R Dept. Garden carts and tools from the garden shed are to be returned after using.
9. Water is turned on in early May. Turn off the faucet when leaving the garden.
10. The garden gate is to be kept closed at all times. Dogs are not permitted in the garden. Children in the garden must be under adult supervision.
11. If you see signs of damage from pests, theft or other unusual activity, please contact the Victory Garden Committee Victgarden17@gmail.com

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date. \_\_\_\_\_

Deliver or mail this form to:

Parks and Recreation Office

8 Simpson Street (Newtown Community Center)

Newtown, CT 06472.

Date and time received at P&R Office:

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