



Harrisburg Community Garden 2025 Plot Registration Application Form

Please fill out application completely.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Daytime phone _____

E-mail _____ (All Community Garden communication occurs via email.
You must provide your e-mail address.)

This program is open to Harrisburg residents on a first-come, first-serve basis with priority given to people who successfully gardened in the program last year. Out-of-town residents may be included as space permits.

☐ New Gardener ☐ Renewing Gardener at _____ location.
Please list garden site # from 2024

Garden location: (8 x 20 foot plots)

Harrisburg South Addition (Take Grand Avenue South to end of road and entrance of Garden Site)

Fee: \$35.00 (please include payment with your application; Check or cash-exact change only)

By signing this application, I agree that I have read and understand the 2025 Harrisburg Community Garden Guidelines and plan to abide by all the garden rules. I understand that the City of Harrisburg is not responsible for my actions, and I agree to hold them harmless for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or my guests. I also agree to release my information for items pertaining to this garden plot.

Signature of applicant

Date

Plot registration application forms open on **March 5, 2025**. Please retain a copy of the 2025 Guidelines for your records and mail or drop off the application form to:

City of Harrisburg
PO Box 26
301 E Willow St
Harrisburg, SD 57032

- **Remit payment with your application.**
- Applications are due by **May 1, 2025**
- If your application is approved, you will receive confirmation via email.
- If we cannot fulfill your request for a garden plot, you will be notified and your payment will be returned.

2025 Guidelines

The Harrisburg Community Garden program was designed for people like you—renters without access to land, or homeowners with too-small or too-shady yards. There are no income requirements.

People who choose to be community gardeners are expected to maintain their garden plots for the entire growing season and to provide volunteer help in preparing the garden sites with activities such as staking plots and applying organic mulch. Gardeners are also expected to clean their plots at the end of each growing season. The Harrisburg Community Garden is a cooperative effort involving the South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service, Harrisburg Park Board, City of Harrisburg, and a dedicated group of volunteers.

Garden Details

- **Fees.** \$35 for the season pays for water bills, tilling expenses, and future garden investments.
- **Weed Control.** Each gardener is responsible for weed control in their plot and the control of weeds and grass in paths around the plot. Failure to keep weeds controlled will result in forfeit of your plot.
- **Plowing/Tilling.** Plots will be tilled and ready to plant as soon as possible but typically by mid-May, weather permitting. Please do not call to ask when the gardens will be ready. You will be contacted via email when the garden is available or look for the stakes marking plots when plowing is done.
- **Soil Condition.** Gardeners are encouraged to make soil improvements in their plots, using organic materials such as lawn clippings and other compost.
- **Garden Agreement.** It is expected that if you choose to be a community gardener, you will commit to maintaining your plot for the ENTIRE growing season. You must plant by June 1 and must clean out your plot by October 15. You will forfeit your plot if you fail to maintain your plot or fail to follow these guidelines.
- **Trash Removal.** You are expected to carry out anything you bring into the garden sites. If you use inorganic weed control (such as landscape fabric) you are responsible for maintaining its appearance. Please secure it to prevent it from flapping in the wind or flying away. The same goes for milk jugs and other plant supports. ALL materials must be removed from the garden at the end of the season. Failing to remove materials will forfeit your plot for next year.
- **Garden Hours.** The gardens are officially closed from dusk until dawn. Keep garden activities to daylight hours.
- **Watering.** Conservation is required. City watering rules must be followed. Water is meant only for garden plants. Gardeners must be present at garden site when watering. Please re-lock hydrant when not in use.
- **Neighborliness.** Be considerate. Do not plant tall varieties in such a way that they would shade your neighbor's plot. Do not pick crops from another gardener's plot without permission. Be advised that plants growing outside of plot boundaries may be disturbed during normal site maintenance.
- **Prohibitions.** Perennial plants, trees, building materials, and carpet are not allowed in the community gardens.
- **Vandalism.** The City of Harrisburg is not responsible for vandalism to the community gardens. Please report any vandalism to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at 605-764-5651.
- **Deadline.** 2025 plot registration applications may be submitted starting March 5, 2025. Garden placement is on a first-come, first-serve basis with a maximum number forty-four (44) plots for 2025. Applications are due by May 1, 2025 for the 2025 Harrisburg Community Garden program.
- **Notification.** Gardeners, whose applications have been approved will receive e-mail notification, you must include your email address on the application.

Please keep these guidelines for your reference.