

# The Garden Project

invites you to

# Join Us in the Garden!



The Garden Project at the North Pocono Public Library is currently accepting applications from families, small groups, and individuals for our Apprentice Garden program. Applications are being accepted for the 2026 garden season.

If selected, we will provide everything you need to successfully plant, cultivate, and harvest a season's worth of fresh produce and flowers from a modest raised bed garden here at our library.

Our garden experts will assist you every step of the way. From variety selection, to planting, watering and weeding we will be there to help you. All we ask from you is that you dedicate the time necessary to be successful. Everything you grow is yours to keep!

If you have never raised a garden before, but always wanted to, or if you have tried and failed, this is your chance for success. If you have questions please contact; Ed Gorke at [gorke\\_6@msn.com](mailto:gorke_6@msn.com) or Justin Roote at [justin.roote@gmail.com](mailto:justin.roote@gmail.com)

Applications are available at the North Pocono Library and must be returned by October 1, 2025

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## Apprentice Garden Application

### Contact Information

Primary contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Garden Team Members

List other participating adults: \_\_\_\_\_

List all participating children: \_\_\_\_\_ (age \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ (age \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ (age \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ (age \_\_\_\_\_)

### Gardening background

Which of the following best describes your gardening experience?

\_\_\_\_\_ Never successfully grew anything.

\_\_\_\_\_ Helped my parents/grandparents in their garden.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tried gardening in the past but utterly failed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Tried gardening in the past, had some success and want to learn more.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have not tried but always wanted to.

\_\_\_\_\_ Successfully raised a garden in the past but lack the space necessary.

When are you most available to tend to your garden?

\_\_\_\_\_ mornings, \_\_\_\_\_ afternoons, \_\_\_\_\_ evenings, \_\_\_\_\_ weekends only.

On the back of this application please explain what you hope to gain from this apprenticeship and a list of vegetables you might want to grow.

Applications will be accepted until October 1, 2025

# **The Garden Project**

## **Apprentice Garden Agreement**

The Garden Project will provide you and your garden team with a 4x12 and a 3x5 raised bed garden in a segregated section of the North Pocono Public Library grounds. You will share the gardening area with another gardening team for one full season, May through October. Your team will also be provided with all necessary supplies and equipment, including seeds, seedlings, tools, water, and fertilizer required to successfully grow a small family garden. Also, The Garden Project experts will be available to provide guidance and assistance with everything from planting to watering to harvest. Everything you grow is yours to keep.

Primary contact, \_\_\_\_\_ as leader of my gardening team, I understand that if selected, we will use the gardening space at the discretion of the North Pocono Public Library. We agree to follow all of its rules and policies regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs as well as carrying of firearms.

We also understand that we are guests of The Garden Project and as such we agree to:

- Commit to planting and maintaining your garden for the entire growing season, starting in May and ending in October. If your garden is left unattended for two weeks without notifying a Garden Project leader this agreement will be discontinued
- If you must abandon your garden, you will notify a Garden Project leader as soon as possible, so the food does not go to waste
- Attend monthly garden meetings and other workshops whenever possible
- Respect others and their property, theft or vulgar and abusive language will not be tolerated
- Not to plant any type of hemp, regardless of PA medical marijuana status
- Not work in the garden after sundown
- Keep young team members (eight and younger) under close supervision when working in the garden
- Follow the policies of The Garden Project concerning composting, recycling, and disposing of garden waste
- Not use any garden product natural or synthetic without prior approval of a Garden Project leader
- Work to keep the garden a safe, happy, and peaceful place where everyone can work, learn, and socialize together
- Have a lot of fun

Primary contact signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement and application must be returned to the NP Library by October 1, 2025