

Clinton Community Garden, Inc.

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KEY HOLDER AGREEMENT (rev. May 2020)

The Clinton Community Garden was created in 1977 by Hell's Kitchen residents who cleared out a 28-years-vacant lot and transformed it into a beautiful garden oasis. The Garden is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization managed and governed by an elected Steering Committee. The Garden is under license from the New York City Parks Department and is open, generally, during daylight hours. The Garden is not a playground: it is a community space, intended for the quiet enjoyment of nature's gifts. Gardeners and their guests are expected to follow Garden policy and behave in a manner that is consistent with acceptable, 21st century societal norms. More information is on our website (see above).

GENERAL GARDEN RULES

Care of front beds and rear plots is assigned to individuals and only they may occupy, or work in, their assigned area. Picking or destroying plants or flowers is not permitted; neither is climbing, or pulling on, trees or shrubs permitted. Walking through, or treading on, any garden bed or plot is not permitted.

The water supply is to be used only by gardeners caring for their assigned areas.

Individual plot gardeners only are permitted in the rear garden (with their guests).

Herbs may be carefully sampled from the community herb bed (east side of front garden).

Remember: exiting the garden also requires your key, and all gates must be locked securely behind you.

Non-key-holders must never be left in the Garden without a key-holder present: check with other visitors before exiting.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised while they enjoy the Garden.

No animals are allowed in the Garden.

Ball-playing, rough games and running are not permitted.

Littering, urinating, smoking (or burning of any substances), vaping, and drinking alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Amplified sound is not permitted. Use headphones and observe your very most polite cellphone etiquette.

No bicycles: a rack is provided on the sidewalk outside the Garden; no strollers, scooters, or rollerblades on the lawn.

FRONT GARDEN KEYS: Key sales dates are posted on the front gate. You must be a NYC resident, bring proof of address (i.e., driver's license, utility bill, lease), and complete and sign the KEY HOLDER APPLICATION. Keys cost \$15 and cannot be duplicated. Additional contributions to the Garden are tax-deductible and deeply appreciated. Checks can be made payable to "Clinton Community Garden, Inc." We are grateful for your donations, no matter how small. Every penny counts.

REAR GARDEN PLOTS: There are over 100 rear plots, which are assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to be added to the rear plot waiting list, mail a note of request to the Clinton Community Garden (address above). Please include in the note your name, both your street and email addresses, and your phone number.

MEMBERSHIP: Garden membership is open to all plot-holders (not sub-lesers), all active past plot-holders, and front Garden volunteers. Each member has one vote at membership meetings. Holding a key does not confer membership.

STEERING COMMITTEE: All issues can be directed to the Steering Committee, either in writing (POB 214, NYC 10108), or in person by attending the monthly meeting held on first Tuesdays at 7:30 pm at Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St.

VOLUNTEERS: If you are interested in volunteering, please indicate on your Key Holder Application that you wish to be contacted for volunteer opportunities. Or, you may send a note of interest to the Steering Committee (address above).

BULLETIN BOARD: Located at the back fence of the front Garden, it is your source for information and updates. Steering Committee members' names are posted, along with Steering Committee and Annual Membership meeting minutes.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Gatherings of 10 or more must obtain prior permission from the Steering Committee by submitting a Special Events Application form, which can be downloaded from the Garden website. A deposit may be required.