

Clinton Community Garden, Inc.

P.O. Box 232, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10101

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KEYHOLDER AGREEMENT

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. For more information see the Clinton Community Garden website: clintongarden.org.

GENERAL GARDEN RULES

- No dogs/cats/pets/animals are allowed in the garden.
- Walking through, or treading on, any garden bed or plot is not permitted.
- Picking or destroying plants or flowers are not permitted; climbing or pulling on trees or shrubs is not permitted.
- Care of front beds and rear plots is assigned to individuals and only they may occupy or work in their assigned area.
- 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-keyholders must never be left in the garden without a keyholder present: check with other visitors before exiting.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised while they enjoy 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 bulletin board. To obtain a key you must be a NYC resident, bring proof of address (i.e., driver's license, utility bill, lease), and complete and sign the Keyholder Application. Keys cost \$25 (please contact the steering committee with any questions or concerns, at the addresses above). Keys 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.

REAR GARDEN PLOTS: There are more than 100 rear plots, assigned on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to be added to the rear plot waiting list, mail a postcard to: Clinton Community Garden, P.O. Box 232, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10101. Be sure to include your name, street address, email address(es), and phone number. Wait list requests with incomplete contact information will not be accepted.

MEMBERSHIP: Garden membership is open to all plotheolders (not subletters), all active past plotheolders, 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, in writing or by email (addresses above).

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

BULLETIN BOARDS: Notice boards located at the front fence, and back fence of front garden, are your sources for information and updates. Other relevant information including meeting minutes are posted on clintongarden.org.

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