



Garden Resource Center: How it Works

Who can access the Garden Resource Center?

The Garden Resource Center is available to backyard gardeners, community gardeners, and locally-owned small businesses and nonprofits who are working to either produce food for themselves or others, or provide a service that aides the food-growing process.

Garden Resource Center Eligibility

To gain access to the Garden Resource Center:

- Complete and sign the Application form
- Sign Policies & Conditions form
- Be at least 18 years old and live in Allegheny County. Must provide proof of residency through a utility bill **OR** lease agreement.
- Show current Driver's License or state issued photo ID
- Pay annual fee

Garden Resource Center Levels

The fee to register for the Garden Resource Center enables us to replace broken tools and add additional tools and materials to the Center's inventory. Registered members will receive email updates about new tools/materials and a Grow Pittsburgh newsletter subscription.

Individual Gardener \$40**

For backyard gardeners, individual community gardeners, and small-scale businesses.

- Ability to borrow up to 5 tools at one time
- Unlimited access to wood chip mulch
- Limited quantities of straw mulch, compost, seed, organic amendments, and IPM supplies as available

Community Garden \$80*

For community gardens, community farms, and food pantry gardens serving multiple community members.

- **Ability to borrow an unlimited number of tools, as available**
- Unlimited access to wood chip mulch
- **Larger quantities** of straw mulch, compost, seed, organic amendments, and IPM supplies as available

*Need assistance? Show your SNAP EBT benefit card or fill out a form at the check-in desk to receive a price reduction.

**Are you a Grow Pittsburgh member? Receive a \$10 discount off of the Individual Gardener level.

Garden Resource Center location: 147 Putnam St, Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Mail to: Grow Pittsburgh · 6587 Hamilton Ave Pittsburgh, PA #2W

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For Staff Purposes:

Payment type/amt _____
Borrower # _____

Garden Resource Center Application

Please print clearly · All information is required

First and Last Name _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Neighborhood _____

Are you applying as an Individual Gardener or Community Garden? Individual Community

Garden Address _____

Do you need payment assistance? Yes No

If 'yes' please ask about our form or show SNAP EBT card

Are you a Grow Pittsburgh member? Yes No

Members receive a \$10 discount if applying for the Individual Gardener level

Photo ID Driver License # _____ OR Other (type and #) _____

Proof of Residence Utility bill Rental/lease agreement Other _____

WAIVER and INDEMNIFICATION

I, _____ (print name), state that I am capable of using the tools I am borrowing and that I will use the tools I am borrowing in a safe and responsible manner.

I understand that Grow Pittsburgh is not legally liable for any injury sustained while under the care of the borrower.

I hereby agree to release and indemnify and hold harmless Grow Pittsburgh its officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, loss, claims, and demands, actions or causes of action for the death or injury to any persons and for any property damage suffered or incurred by any person which arises or may arise or be occasioned in any way from the use of tools I am borrowing from the Grow Pittsburgh Garden Resource Center.

I affirm that the above information is current, true, and correct and may be subject to verification. I further state that I have read and fully understand the Policies & Conditions of the Grow Pittsburgh's Garden Resource Center and I understand that failure to comply with any of these rules may result in revocation of my borrowing privileges and/or legal action against me. I have read this Waiver and Indemnification form and in signing it relinquishing any and all claims against Grow Pittsburgh and its Garden Resource Center.

Member Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date

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Garden Resource Center Policies & Conditions

Please read this page carefully. Sign and return the following page.

1. Prior to borrowing tools, individuals must:
 - a. Complete and sign Application
 - b. Sign Policies & Conditions page
 - c. Be at least 18 years old and live in Allegheny County. Must provide proof of residency through a utility bill **OR** lease agreement
 - d. Show current driver's license or state-issued photo ID
 - e. Pay annual fee
2. Only registered borrowers may use the tools they check out; please do not lend tools to other individuals.
3. Borrowers agree that if any tool breaks or becomes unsafe, the borrower will immediately stop using the tool and return it to the Garden Resource Center (GRC). Please call the GRC if a tool isn't working properly; a staff member may be able to help with troubleshooting over the phone.
4. **WAIVER** By borrowing tools from the GRC the borrower agrees that Grow Pittsburgh is not responsible for any manufacturing defects found in any borrowed tools. The borrower also agrees that Grow Pittsburgh is not responsible if the borrower becomes hurt or injured by using any borrowed tools.
5. **LOAN PERIOD** Loan periods are for 7 days for most tools; motorized tools must be returned within 24 hours of borrowing. The borrower agrees to return any borrowed item on or before the due date to the Center.
6. **RESERVATIONS** Motorized tools may be reserved via phone call or in person. Borrower must arrive within an hour of their reservation window or the reservation will be forfeited (call us and let us know if you're running late!). For each day, a waitlist will be kept for these high-demand tools.
7. **LATE FEES** When tools are not returned by the designated due date, Grow Pittsburgh will issue a late fee of \$1.00 per day per tool. A fee of \$5.00 per day will be charged for motorized tools.
8. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES OR LOSS** The borrower agrees to return any borrowed item on or before the due date in the same condition as when it was borrowed. The borrower agrees to pay for any damage inflicted on the borrowed tool that was not there before rental beyond normal wear and tear. The borrower agrees to pay for any lost, stolen, or unreturned tools that were checked out under the borrower's name.
9. **RIGHT OF REFUSAL** Grow Pittsburgh reserves the right to refuse the loan of any item for failure to comply with any of the above rules and regulations or for falsification of any information. Staff may also, at their discretion, deny access to a particular tool based on the borrower's inability to handle, transport, or operate the tool safely.

I have read and agree to these Policies and Conditions.

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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