



**Cherokee County's "Our Garden"
Community Garden Participant Application
NC Cooperative Extension**



North Carolina Cooperative Extension partners with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of North Carolinians. Here in Cherokee county, Extension professionals assist people who want to improve their personal life, their community and the environment.

Section 1: Project Description and Participant Info

About the Project:

"Our Garden, Our Food" is a community garden project facilitated by the Cherokee County Center of the NC Cooperative Extension. The project is intended to provide an opportunity for interested individuals of all experience and socio-economic levels with the opportunity to share in the process and product of growing a garden together. **Participants are expected to donate 10% of their total crop yield to a local charity.** An additional component of the project will teach area youth, and consequently their families, the concepts environmental stewardship, basic gardening, and good nutrition.

Application Instructions:

Please fill out the form below completely. You may print a copy of this application, fill it out, and return it in person or mail it to our office at the following address: NC Cooperative Extension, Cherokee County Center 39 Peachtree St., Suite 103 Murphy, NC 28906. **All applications must be received by Friday, February 25th, 2011 at 5pm** whether submitted electronically or by mail, or in person. Space is limited, so be sure to apply early!

Participation Fee:

A participation fee of \$25 is required in order for you application to be processed. **Participation fee will be \$35 after the deadline.** There is also a \$20 refundable deposit for garden clean up. Please make your \$45 (\$55 after deadline) check payable to: Cherokee County 4-H. If selected to participate, the application fee is non-refundable.

1. Please complete the section below

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip code: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

2. Which of the following best describes your interest in Community Gardening? (You may choose up to 3 responses; please rank them in order of importance to you by placing a 1, 2, or 3 beside your selected responses).

- Food Supply Money Savings Herbal Gardening
- Food Preservation Supply Safety Food Safety
- Variety selection Healthy Lifestyle Hobby
- Learn Gardening Techniques No suitable space for home garden

Please make checks payable to: Cherokee County 4-H

3. After participating in the upcoming growing season, would you be willing to start a Community Garden in your community/county?

- Yes
- No

4. For purposes of coordinating instruction and work sessions, please specify your most available date(s) and time(s). Check as many as apply:

	M	T	W	Th	F	Sat
AM						
PM						
N/A						

5. (Optional) Please tell us a bit about yourself. Where you're from, how you heard about the "Our Garden..." project, or you may wish to include your involvement (or lack thereof) with gardening and community projects. You may attach additional sheets or respond in the space below.

Please note: We plan to utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which is a process that requires the use of chemical crop protection products as necessary. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Please read and complete the additional attached sections of the application. Return Application and Garden Use Agreement by **February 26th, 2011 at 5pm.**

**Mail to: Cherokee County Community Garden
 Cherokee County Cooperative Extension
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Questions: 828-837-2210

Thank you for your interest in NC Cooperative Extension programming!