

**MUSTARD SEED FARMS**  
**Community Garden Membership Application**  
**2024 – 2025**

READ INFO PAGE for directions. **PRINT ON 1 PAGE PLEASE** for easy filing.

Adult's names \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: home \_\_\_\_\_ cells \_\_\_\_\_

Email addresses \_\_\_\_\_

Teens & kids:		Name		age	
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**Calculate your Membership Cost** **INCLUDE ALL KIDS AGE 8 AND ABOVE**

**SUMMER** program valid **May 1, 2024** through **Oct. 31, 2024** **Date paid** \_\_\_\_\_

Age **13 to adult** is \$12 plus 12 hours work each      Ages **8 - 12** is \$6 plus 6 hours work each

# adults \_\_\_ x \$12 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + # kids \_\_\_ x \$6 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = **Summer Tot. \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Winter** program valid **Nov. 1, 2024** through **April 30, 2025** **Date paid** \_\_\_\_\_

Age **13 to adult** is \$10 plus 10 hours work each      Ages **8 - 12** is \$5 plus 5 hours work each

# adults \_\_\_ x \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + # kids \_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = **Winter Tot. \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hours:** summer \_\_\_\_\_ winter \_\_\_\_\_ = **Total Hours** \_\_\_\_\_      **Total due: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINES:**

**Mail application & check by June 30** for summer season & **August 31** for the winter season.

Mustard Seed Farms 7300 McKay Road, St. Paul, OR 97137

Winter hours generally need to be done before **November** as rains set in.

**We could help out on these jobs:** (in addition to the basic tasks of hoeing/weeding)

Landscape: prune trees/shrubs \_\_\_\_\_ weed flower beds \_\_\_\_\_ deadhead flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Bin repair: \_\_\_\_\_ (do May to August) Sharpen hoes \_\_\_\_\_ Sell pumpkins in Oct \_\_\_\_\_

**Preserving Quantities:** (**ONLY check crops you want to can/freeze/dry**)

beets \_\_\_\_\_ broccoli \_\_\_\_\_ cauliflower \_\_\_\_\_ corn \_\_\_\_\_ pickles \_\_\_\_\_ tomatoes \_\_\_\_\_

## MUSTARD SEED FARMS COMMUNITY GARDEN 2024-25

Recent years have been good with many families signing up. There has been plenty of produce, even in the winter season.

**THE OUTLINE:** The whole program is based upon 2 seasons, summer and winter, and on families, whether that is a single person, a couple, or parents and kids. The hours of work are for the whole season, can be done by 1 or more members of the family on behalf of the whole family, and all the hours need to be done by the end of the summer season. You can get the organic produce as soon you have started to put in some hours of work and some is ready. See application for hours and cost.

**WHAT:** Members work on the farm on their **own schedule, Mon. to Sat.**, mostly hoeing on whatever crops need attention at that time. In exchange, they get all the organic produce that they need for their immediate family.

**WHEN:** A limited amount of work starts in May. **The work for both seasons ends by Oct. 31 because of rain.** There is a limited amount of work to do after that.

**HOW:** It is a **self directed** program, with guidelines given by Farmer Brown & his Mrs. The **members need to plan their time to work** and come regularly to get their hours in. **We do not call you.**

1. **Cautionary Observation:** Think long and hard about your interests and other commitments. It is hard to get all the time in without working on the farm every week or  
2. Most of the work Community Gardeners do is hoeing weeds, so one should be physically fit for that task.

2. **Food Safety/kids:** We continue to monitor our food safety standards to make sure we keep our GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) certification. That will mean a list of standards for you to read and sign off on.

In relation to food safety, here is a reminder about kids in the fields. There is some flexibility on what works for each family, but often the youngest kids are not very productive workers. They also need to work and not contaminate the crops. Parents can decide at what age kids start working and record their hours based on how much they do compared to teens & adults.

Generally kids too young to work can stay at the end of the field where the parents are working. Or sometimes stay in the car parked near the field and be occupied in some way. Talk with us about your situation.

3. **Organic Crops:** They are listed on the "Produce Seasons" page on the website. The berries are not organic.

If you are a gardener and like to work with the soil, then this program may work for you. You will help us grow our crops and you will eat great organic produce.

David & Nancy Brown