

Zenda Community Garden Application

Approximate Garden Season – May 1st through October 31st

Application must be completed and submitted along with \$25 annual dues per family

1. First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

2. Optional: To help plan, tell us about your gardening experience:

3. If there is more than one individual working in your group, please list their contact information.

First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

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4. Photograph Permission: The Thousand Islands Land Trust staff, volunteers and the news media may take photographs at the garden. **Please sign on the line here if you allow your photograph(s) to be part of publicity materials** _____ *(If you do not want to be in published photographs, let any photographer you see at the garden know that)*

5. By signing below you agree to do the following:

- Abide by any decisions made collectively by the Garden Committee (comprised of TILT Staff, Community Gardeners, and volunteers who participate in coordinating the garden)
- Follow attached Community Garden Code of Conduct (***Please keep for your records***)
- Assist with general garden maintenance/improvements by completing volunteer hours

6. Personal Responsibility: I agree to hold the Zenda Community Garden, the Thousand Islands Land Trust, and their agents and staff harmless from any and all liability for bodily harm, damage, or loss of any kind arising from, or connected with my participation in the Zenda Community Garden.

Signature: _____ **Date Signed:** _____

Send completed application, with dues, to:

Thousand Islands Land Trust
Attn: Jake Tibbles
PO Box 238, Clayton, NY 13624
Telephone: 315-686-5345
E-mail: jtibbles@tilandtrust.org

Please keep this page for your records

Gardeners must acknowledge & follow the Community Garden Code of Conduct

The Zenda Community Garden at Zenda Farms Preserve serves to unite members of the community within the Thousand Islands region, through the shared human experience of cultivating and harvesting fresh produce. As a member of the Community Garden, we ask for your actions at the Garden to continue to create this sense of community.

- Gardeners are required to spend a minimum of **2 hours each week** working in the garden, and to attend garden meetings regularly. Tasks will vary from week-to-week, and will be assigned by the Garden Committee, via weekly emails and private Facebook group posts.
- Please park on the paved or gravel surfaces at Zenda Farms, and keep vehicles off of the grass.
- As Zenda Farms is open to the public, we often have visitors looking at the Garden, and sometimes visiting within the Garden. If you encounter a visitor please engage them politely, and encourage them to join the community garden.
- Parents and/or accompanying adults are responsible for children. Teach your children the gardening rules and to respect the Garden. Feel free to allow children to explore the Kids Korner Learning Garden and adjacent Natural Play Area.
- Adult and child garden tools and garden equipment will be provided by the Thousand Islands Land Trust (TILT). Return tools to garden shed where they can be easily found by the next gardener. Please keep garden shed clean and closed up when not in use.
- Grounds (including garden, compost piles, garden shed, lawn, and children's areas) are to be kept free of trash, rocks, weeds or anything that may interfere with the mowing or trimming equipment.
- Pre-season tilling will be completed by TILT staff. Weed-eating around garden perimeter during the growing season is encouraged to be completed by the Zenda Gardeners.
- Please keep compost area picked up and neat. **COMPOST IS FOR USE AT THE ZENDA COMMUNITY GARDEN ONLY**, please do not bring food scraps from home for the compost.
- In an effort not to waste water, a watering system has been installed. Please refer to Garden Committee for instructions on how to operate and maintain watering system and hoses.
- **Never use any chemical herbicides (weed killers)! Synthetic pesticides and fertilizers are strictly prohibited.** Gardeners are encouraged to employ their own organic pest control methods when needed.
- End-of-season clean up and breakdown of the community garden must be completed by the Zenda Community Gardeners. Weed fabric and watering system will be removed and stored at the discretion of the Garden Committee.
- Dogs and other pets are not allowed within the garden area. Dogs and other pets are always allowed on a leash at Zenda Farms Preserve.
- All gardeners must re-apply to participate in the Zenda Community Garden each year.

Gardeners and volunteers involved in the Zenda Community Garden must work together as a committee to delegate time and tasks, maintain the garden, problem-solve and fundraise. TILT Staff is happy to help, but has limited capacity, especially during the summer months.

Thank you for your interest in the Zenda Community Garden!