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Welcome to Mesa Urban Garden!

Welcome! We're so excited to have you join our growing community of gardeners.

Mesa Urban Garden (MUG) is a nonprofit community garden located in the heart of downtown Mesa. Since breaking ground in July 2012, MUG has grown into a vibrant space with more than **80 garden beds** for lease to individuals, groups, and sponsors. In addition to individual rental beds, our communal beds are maintained by volunteers, with harvests shared with local food banks and shelters.

More than just a place to grow food, MUG is a hub for connection, learning, and creativity. The garden regularly hosts community events, classes, meetings, art, music, entertainment and, most of all, impressive feats of gardening.

In 2024, Mesa Urban Garden was recognized with the **"People's Garden"** designation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This initiative connects gardens across the country that grow local food, promote sustainability, and strengthen community ties. The name honors Abraham Lincoln, who created the USDA and called it the "People's Department." Learn more at usda.gov/peoples-garden.



Getting Started: Due to high demand, we often have a waiting list for our garden beds. To check availability, contact our Garden Coordinator, Laura Blitz, via our [Facebook page](#) or call/text her at 480-202-3022.

If a bed is available, Laura will meet you at the garden to assign your bed, collect payment, and help you complete the **Bed Rental Agreement** and **Waiver of Liability** (samples included below). Before signing, please review the **Mesa Urban Garden Rules & Procedures** to make sure you're familiar with what to expect and how we work together in this shared space.

Then it's time to dig in and grow with us! Happy Gardening!

—The Mesa Urban Garden Team

General Contact Information

Mesa Urban Garden Text questions, suggestions, or concerns to:

- Laurie Blitz, MUG Garden Coordinator, 480-202-3022
- David Crummey, MUG Board Chairperson, 602-370-4459

City of Mesa Police Non-Emergency, 480-644-2211 or Emergencies, 911

City of Mesa Water Department (any water emergency), 480-644-2263

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Mesa Urban Garden Bed Rental & Rates

Mesa Urban Garden (MUG) is a vibrant, sustainable garden space with over 80 beds available to rent. All garden beds are maintained using organic and eco-friendly practices.

- **Rent a bed:** Community members can rent their own garden bed to grow fresh produce, herbs, or flowers. It's a great way to learn, connect, and enjoy the benefits of homegrown food. *An ADA accessible raised bed is available for individuals who use a wheelchair or have other mobility challenges.*
- **Sponsor a bed:** Support your community by sponsoring a garden bed for an individual or family in need or to be maintained by volunteers, with all produce donated to local food banks and shelters.

Garden Bed Descriptions

Two garden bed sizes, 4' x 6' and 4' x 12', are available for leasing. All are constructed raised beds, and the rental agreement includes the following:

- Premium soil and compost
- Drip irrigation system
- Individual battery-operated water timer
- Water for the entire year
- Access to shared tools and tool storage
- Onsite setup and support
- Site access from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week
- An annual rental period (starting anytime from January through March until the following year)

Garden Bed Rental Rates

Initial Setup Pricing

- **4' x 6' Raised Beds, \$90 / year and a one-time \$50 setup fee = \$140 Total**
- **4'x 12' Raised Beds, \$130 / year and a one-time \$50 setup fee = \$180 Total**

Fees are due in full at the beginning of the rental agreement (from January through March) each year.

NOTE: If you rent the bed for consecutive years, you will not be charged the \$50 setup fee after year one.

Renewal Pricing

- **4' x 6' Raised Beds = \$90 / year = \$90 Total**
- **4'x 12' Raised Beds = \$130 / year = \$130 Total**

* * **Pricing is cash or check only.** Processing fees are added to these totals if paying online through PayPal. * *



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EXAMPLE of AGREEMENT & WAIVER. MUG will have this paperwork available to fill out when we meet onsite and assign your garden bed.

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Mesa Urban Garden Bed Rental Agreement

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____
Name Phone Number

Please list any Co-Gardeners working with you _____

Name	Email Address	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

OPTIONAL

I am an experienced gardener willing to assist beginners. I am a beginner and would like an experienced gardener to assist me.

Please Check All That Apply

I am interested in renting a garden bed

Bed Rental Type

- Individual bed _____ 4' x 6' or _____ 4' x 12'
- Sponsored bed for an individual, family or food bank _____ 4' x 6' or _____ 4' x 12'

Rental Agreement

- This rental agreement is a contract between Mesa Urban Garden and the applicant; the rights within may not be sold or transferred.
- Rental fees are due when the rental agreement is signed and must be paid before gardening activities begin.
- The rental agreement term is the calendar year January through December and is pro-rated 50% after June.
- Applicant must read and agree to comply with the Mesa Urban Garden Rules & Procedures.
- Applicant must read and sign the Mesa Urban Garden Waiver of Liability (See reverse side).

Acceptance of Terms

I have read and agree to comply with the Bed Rental Agreement. By signing below, I agree to abide by the "Mesa Urban Garden Rules & Procedures." I understand that any infraction may result in cancellation of my rental agreement as outlined in the Rules & Procedures.

Note: If signing on behalf of an organization or group, it is your responsibility to communicate all rules and procedures with your group.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Area For Office Use Only

Processed by: _____ Date: _____ Garden Bed Number Assigned: _____

Payment Amount: _____ Payment type: Cash/Money Order PayPal Check # _____ Bed rental is from: _____ to _____

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Mesa Urban Garden Waiver of Liability

Thank you for being part of the Mesa Urban Garden! Your involvement helps make our community stronger, greener, and more connected. Mesa Urban Garden (MUG) is an active, volunteer-led space that follows sustainable and organic gardening practices.

As a participant, we ask that you read and acknowledge the following liability and risk information by **initialing each statement** below. This helps ensure a safe and positive experience for everyone.

Voluntary Participation & Assumption of Risk: I understand that my involvement at MUG is voluntary and may involve physical activity. I accept full responsibility for any personal injury or harm that may occur during participation or when using garden equipment. I release and waive any claims of liability against MUG and do so of my own free will.

Photo/Video Release: I understand that photos or video may be taken during garden activities, and I grant permission for Mesa Urban Garden and media outlets to use my image and name for social media, promotional, or other purposes.

Tool & Equipment Use: I understand that MUG may provide tools and equipment for my use. I agree not to use any tool or equipment unless I feel confident in doing so safely. I release MUG from liability and agree to indemnify the organization for any injury or damage resulting from my use of garden tools or equipment.

Printed Name

Signature

Printed Name of Co-Gardener

Signature of Co-Gardener

If your Co-Gardener is a minor:

I, the parent or legal guardian of _____, give my full permission for them to participate in MUG activities. I understand and voluntarily agree, on their behalf, to all of the risk and liability terms outlined above, including the waiver of claims and use of images.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

*A copy of the signed Garden Bed Rental Agreement and Waiver of Liability can be sent to you.
Please select your preference: Email Copy Mail Me A Copy*

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