



**DPS**

Montgomery County  
Department of Permitting Services

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## Certificate for a High Tunnel Used for Food Production

On a property that is not assessed agriculturally by the MD State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT), including a residentially-assessed property, the installation of a high tunnel may occur without a building permit if the following requirements are met:

1. The high tunnel will exclusively be used to grow crops for direct human consumption.
2. The applicant has obtained a Soil Conservation and Water Quality (SCWQ) Plan from the Montgomery Soil Conservation District that provides guidance for the installation of the high tunnel.
3. The high tunnel meets all of the development standards set forth in Article 59-4 of the Montgomery County Code for accessory structures in the applicable zone.
4. The applicant has submitted a completed Certificate for a High Tunnel Used for Food Production to the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services.

### Section I. To be completed by the applicant

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name

Mailing address (if different from property address below):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of agricultural operation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Crops that will be grown in the high tunnel: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that all information indicated on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**Section II. To be completed by the Montgomery Soil Conservation District**

The applicant has obtained a Soil Conservation and Water Quality (SCWQ) Plan for the installation of the high tunnel.

Date the SCWQ Plan was prepared or updated to include the high tunnel installation: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Name of SCWQ Plan preparer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name

The planned location of the high tunnel meets the development standards set forth in Article 59-4 of the Montgomery County Code for accessory structures in the applicable zone.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**Section III. To be completed by the Montgomery County Office of Agriculture**

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

SDAT Use Assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

Setback and height requirements for accessory structures in the applicable zone:

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The property is not subject to a Homeowner’s Association Covenant that prohibits the installation of a high tunnel.

Name of Office of Agriculture Director: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date