

All Saints Garden Plot Agreement

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Welcome! Thank you for your interest in community gardening!

This community garden is under the jurisdiction or management of All Saints Church. Therefore, please be mindful that the operation of this garden is regulated by volunteers and parishioners of All Saints Church.

All Saints is truly excited by your interest in becoming a community gardener. You are a part of a growing trend in urban agriculture. This garden provides you the opportunity to create beauty, serenity, and abundance within the urban confines of All Saints. Whether your interest lies in growing organic produce or creating beautiful landscapes, you are a steward of public land. You are agreeing to share use of land, on which you will garden. On it you may grow, for your noncommercial use, food, flowers, and herbs that may satisfy your hunger or delight your aesthetics or spirit. Community gardening implies self-sufficiency, including obtaining the materials you need and learning the skills essential to gardening.

With this consent, you are participating in a shared agreement with both rights and responsibilities. You may keep your plot as long as you like, as long as you abide by this agreement. Community garden members are welcome to use a plot and share care of the garden with the following understandings:

Your rights as a community gardener

1. You have the right to garden as long as you wish. Automatic renewal is based upon living up to this and specific garden agreements.
2. You have the right to the following basic amenities such as access to water and tools.
3. You have the right to equal opportunity and non-discrimination.
4. You have the right to a reasonably harmonious environment.
5. You have the right to garden in this space, and to the non-commercial use of the bounty your labors provide.
6. You have a right to an orientation to your garden by the Garden Coordinator or other assigned garden office-holder.

Because you and your fellow gardeners have these rights, you also share a collective responsibility. You agree that these responsibilities include things that are standard in all gardens and others that have specifically been decided by your community garden.

Responsibilities standard in all gardens:

1. To care for the land - active gardening required for the season. Gardeners are responsible for keeping their plot and the paths surrounding their plot clean and free of weeds. Gardeners shall at no time plant or weed in any other person's plot, except as directed by the Garden Coordinator on garden work days* or by prior agreement with that plot holder.
(* Garden Coordinator must provide 7 days of advance notice to the plot holder prior to the garden work day.)
2. Maintain your plot within its confines without plants encroaching into common areas or other plots. No plants may be higher than 6 feet over soil level in plots. Beds may not be raised higher than 3 feet.

3. No altering of the dimensions of a plot or of the surrounding area.
4. Keep common areas clear.
5. Be civil and cooperative in regard to other gardeners, neighbors, and the public.
6. 'Organic Gardening'- regarding best organic practices. No herbicides or pesticides may be used, except for organic-based materials, such as iron phosphate for snail and slug bait. Please note that certain plants are not responsive to herbicides, such as poison oak and blackberry.
7. Be mindful of water usage. Gardens shall be managed for best practices in water conservation.
8. Anyone you wish to garden with you in your plot, at the time include their name below your signature.
9. Garden Coordinator/Garden approval is required for adding someone at a later date. If approved, the new gardener signs this agreement.
10. Plots cannot be given away by you to anyone else.
11. In case of illness, pregnancies, travel et al, inform your Garden Coordinator about your situation. Either party finds a temporary person to garden in your stead; this person signs a temporary version of this agreement to end on a date of no longer than a three-month duration.
12. Gardeners agree to respect the peace and quiet of the surrounding neighborhood. Children and guests should also be instructed to refrain from walking on garden plots, or damaging or taking plants, or fruits thereof, that do not belong to them.
13. REASSIGNMENT: The Garden Coordinator shall notify non-active gardeners with a verbal, telephone or email warning. If active gardening does not resume within 15 days, or the gardener has not responded to messages from the Garden Coordinator, or the garden member is not reachable, then a written 30-day notice to resume activity shall be issued.
14. You hereby agree to your garden's specific rules, as follows below.

Responsibilities specific to your garden:

1. You understand that your community garden will have additional specific arrangements that you agree to as a community gardener.
2. Storage of tools and equipment.
3. Compost and waste guidelines.
4. Workday and meeting attendance; and any other active gardening requirement as determined by your garden.
5. Specific security measures.
6. Pathways, common areas, behavior expectations.
7. Use of materials and tools; storage.
8. Time and work responsibilities.
9. Future matters to be decided.

SIGNATURE _____

Name (Print) Garden _____

Address Plot # _____

Zip Code _____ Dues Paid _____

Email address _____ Date _____

Phone _____