

Community Garden

Contract, Rules, Terms & Conditions for Participation

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If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

- 1. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Preference for next year's plots will be given to the previous year's participants.
- 2. Plot fees are due in full when application is turned in.
- 3. Each gardener must complete the following before work can begin:
 - Community Garden Contract
 - Release of all Claims
 - Volunteer Application
- 4. Abide by all general City of Lebanon Park Rules.
- 5. Gardner's will be asked to attend meetings and clean up days through-out the year. These days as well as various free classes and lectures will be posted on the Community Garden Bulletin Board.
- 6. Gardeners may be in the garden between dawn to dusk.
- 7. Plot use is from January through December. Plots must be planted by June 1st of each year.
- 8. Each gardener will be given a code to access the garden and the storage shed for access to tools and watering equipment.
- 9. Gardeners may plant vegetables, fruits and flowers. Gardeners may not grow any invasive vine plants (ex. blackberries, morning glory, mint, ivy). If you don't know if the plant is invasive, please ask Sheryl Casteen.
- 10. Gardeners may not grow any plants considered illegal under state or federal law, whether the use is for medical purposes under state law.
- 11. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the Coordinator if they are unable to care for their plot in any given week. If a plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment. Any plants in the plot will not be returned to the renter.
- 12. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
- 13. A limited number of tools, hoses, and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage shed for use. Gardeners may bring their own tools into the garden to use on their plots, these tools cannot be power tools that use gasoline, batteries, or electricity.

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- 14. Gardner's are responsible for maintaining garden equipment in the best condition and returning all used equipment to the shed cleaned.
- 15. The application of herbicides (weed killers), rodenticides (mouse poison), and synthetic insecticides (bug killers) to garden plots is prohibited.
- 16. Gardeners will only use organic methods and limit pesticide use. Fertilizers marked organic or OMRI (label on the package) are permitted. A short list of organic pesticides will be posted. Use of compost, organic mulch and hand weeding is always acceptable.
- 17. Gardeners will place any organic waste such as weeds (without seed heads), dead plants or rotten produce in the compost pile designated by the Garden Coordinator.
- 18. Gardeners will maintain their plots and adjacent paths in a clean and neat fashion, promptly removing any weeds, overgrowth or other waste from their plot. Gardeners are responsible for hauling and disposing of their own trash, such as weeds, boxes, trays, bags, packets and similar items.
- 19. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material above ground and leaving their plot as they found it in the spring.
- 20. Gardeners may not keep any personal property on their plots when they are not present.
- 21. Gardeners may not switch plots. Gardeners must notify the Garden Coordinator if discontinuing use.
- 22. Gardner's may harvest from their garden only, but anyone can harvest from marked, "For the Public".
- 23. Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and always supervised.
- 24. Gardeners may bring pets into the garden, but they must be leashed at all times and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Commitment

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in Porter Park Community Garden. I understand breaking any rules, terms and conditions could result in exclusion from the garden and loss of my plot.

Gardener Name:			
	Printed		
Signed:			
		Date	
Approved:			
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