

# **Neighbors' Community Garden Contract**

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## **Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

### **Introduction**

The Community Garden Board is the authority that manages the Neighbors' Community Garden. The Board is responsible to the landowner for maintaining the property in a manner that minimizes liability and assures that the property is an asset to the neighborhood. These rules are established for those purposes.

Violation of any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for loss of your plot and exclusion from the garden.

1. You will receive one verbal warning from the Community Garden Board or any of the Board members.
2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice two weeks later.
3. In another two weeks, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and only at the discretion of the Community Garden Board.

### **Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

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

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of Neighbors' Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is \$25.00 per plot, per year April 1 – March 31, due on or before April 1. Fee for half a year after beginning October 1 or later is \$15.00. There are no refunds.
3. My plot is 8 x 20 feet. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
4. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will take all trash home for disposal and place all plant material in the compost area.
7. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
8. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.

9. All gardeners are required to attend at least one garden work-day per year. It is the responsibility of the gardeners at Neighbors' Community Garden to maintain the garden facilities.
10. I will water my plot according to water-wise guidelines. Signs of water waste include puddling of water on the garden plot or overflow onto the paths. If the Board determines that my use of water is excessive, I will be assessed an extra fee each month to cover the cost of this additional water.
11. I will make every effort to attend the regular (every other month) garden club meetings. If unable to attend the meeting, I will review the minutes of the meetings when published.
12. I will not apply any commercial pesticides and herbicides in the garden (with the exception of organic pest control) without the approval of the Community Garden Board.
13. I will not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give my key or lock combination to another person.
14. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
15. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
16. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
17. I agree not to sue the owner of the property for any reason.

### **Commitment**

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Neighbors' Community Garden.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gardener

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair Person Community Garden