

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY GARDEN GARDENER'S AGREEMENT

These rules are intended to provide a framework for a smooth-running, effective community garden, as well as to convey what can be expected during the season. **Happy Gardening!**

- 1) **SET UP** – Before any gardener can begin working their plot, ~~the non-refundable payment must be made in full and~~ the Gardener's Agreement and Waiver must be signed. ~~There is no~~ The \$30 non-refundable charge for 2015 is being waived but donations are appreciated and suggested to help offset the cost of water and other costs.
- 2) **PLOTS** – Preferences for next year's plots will be given to this year's participants first. A waiting list will be kept by the garden coordinator and those on the list will be notified as soon as an opening occurs.
- 3) **OPENING** – The garden will be officially opened April 1st though accessible earlier depending on weather conditions.
- 4) **INACTIVITY** – If plots have not been planted within the first 30 days of the opening, the plot owner will be given a 14-day notice to either plant or vacate the premises. If the plot is not planted by the end of the notice period, the plot will be reassigned. Fees will not be refunded.
- 5) **TRANSFER OF PLOTS** - A plot owner may not transfer his/her garden plot to another person.
- 6) **MAINTENANCE** – Garden plots should be cared for at least once per week. All plant material should be contained within the plot boundaries. Each gardener is responsible for the building, maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot – watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance. If any plot remains unattended for more than 3 weeks, that plot is subject to reassignment.
- 7) **PLANTS** –
 - a) Tall plants and trellises that support them must not shade neighboring plots.
 - b) No trees, (including fruit) or large shrubs allowed in plots.
 - c) Keep invasive, vining and spreading plants confined to your assigned garden plot. Refer to the Program's Guidelines for more information about invasive plants.
- 8) **COMMON AREA CARE** – Each gardener is responsible for any weeding throughout the walkways around their plots (all sides) as well as helping to keep the common areas weed-free.
- 9) **PESTICIDES** – Due to the need to protect ourselves and our environment, the use of pesticides and herbicides (weed killers) in the garden plots is prohibited. If you must use something, use organic materials only, and use them sparingly.
- 10) **REFUSE** – Please take all trash and diseased garden materials home. Do not place any diseased plant material in composting area. Composting Coordinator will direct all composting efforts.
- 11) **HOSE/WATER** – If you choose to do your own watering, versus using the automatic system, only water your plot and don't let water seep or flow to a neighbor's plot.
- 12) **CHILDREN** – Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times. You are responsible for your children and insuring that they respect other people's gardens.
- 13) **ACCESS** – Please refrain from using or bringing into the garden illegal plants, bikes, dogs or other pets, and all drugs and tobacco products.
- 14) **VISITORS** – The garden is open to visitors as long as they are accompanied by the plot owner.
- 15) **HARVESTING** – Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only.
- 16) **END OF YEAR CLEARING** – At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot ready to plant in the spring. Any plots that are not cleared out by Thanksgiving are subject to a \$25 Plot Clearing Fee.

Failure to abide by any of these rules may result in expulsion from the garden without refund of fees.