

SOTH Community Garden Contract
Rules, Term and Conditions for Participation

Introduction

Welcome to SOTH Community Garden. We look forward to working together, getting to know each other and growing food for ourselves and for our community.

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 SOTH Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is \$50 per plot, per year (May – September). There are no refunds.
3. Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and care for the container during the growing season, providing my own tools, seeds and soil amendments.
4. I agree not to use pesticides and will rely on organic solutions to mitigate weeds, disease and pests. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited.
5. I will not plant any illegal plants. 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.
6. I will water my plot according to water-wise guidelines. I understand church supplied water will only be available during the planting season.
7. I will not take vegetables or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
8. At the end of the growing season, I am responsible for clearing up my plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as I found it in the spring.
9. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
10. 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.
11. I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property. The SOTH Garden Team is the highest governing authority at the SOTH Community Garden.

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

1. You will receive one verbal warning from the garden manager.
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 garden manager.

Commitment

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Gardener

Approved: _____ Date: _____

SOTH Garden Team Manager