

House of Hope Community Garden

Rules, Terms, and Conditions Contract for Participation

Introduction

The House of Hope Leadership Team is the highest governing authority at the House of Hope 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 committee.
2. If you do not respond or do not make a correction, you will receive written notice within two weeks.
3. In another two weeks, if you do not respond or do not make a correction, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.
4. You can reapply for another garden plot after one year, and only at the discretion of the garden committee.

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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 *House of Hope Community Garden*. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is (\$20.00) per plot, per year (May 1 – October 31), due before the garden season begins. There are no refunds after June 15.
3. Once assigned a plot, I will cultivate plant and weed the plot during the garden season.
4. My plot is (11 x 11) feet. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement, into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
5. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will completely separate my trash into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts; 2) rocks, stones, and asphalt; and 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. I will put each type of trash only in the areas designated specifically for each. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the Community Garden.
6. If I now have more than one plot, I will give up my additional plots by the end of this gardening season.
7. I will not plant any illegal, invasive or noxious 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, 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. I will water my plot according to ‘water wise’ guidelines. (If I use more than the recommended amount of water, I will pay a fee each month to cover the cost of this additional water.
10. If offered, I will attend at least one workshop on each of the following topics: soil preparation and maintenance, watering the vegetable garden, and pest and disease control.
11. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden without the approval of the garden committee.
12. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners’ plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
13. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
14. 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.
15. I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property.

Commitment

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

Participant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____