

## **Gardening Agreement for 2016**

Earth Community Garden (ECG) is a Charitable, Nonprofit, 501(c)(3) Tax Deductible organization whose goals are to;

- Provide & maintain organic-sustainable community gardens.
- To preserve green space/open spaces.
- Educate the public by raising awareness about; the environment, sustainability, xeriscaping, organic gardening & land cultivation by encouraging community involvement.
- Promote sustainable-organic community gardens and garden events.

LAND USE AGREEMENT: This agreement is for the current calendar year (January 1st - December 31st). I understand that HCG has made a contractual agreement with the land owners for sole decision making purposes of the land in accordance with ECG's goals. Land use is conditional and can be revoked by ECG or property owners. I AM A GUEST ON THE PROPERTY.

**FINANCIAL AGREEMENT:** I agree to pay \$40 for a 4' x 30' plot. I agree to donate10% of crop and produce sales to ECG if I should use any of my garden's produce for sale. I will also have access to ECG's Farmers' Market as long as I have properly signed up for a date and space and am in good standing with my ECG "Gardening Agreement". All funds to ECG or donated produce will be used for charitable purposes compliant with the IRS 501(c)(3) tax code.

GARDENING METHODS: I agree to use sustainable-organic methods. This includes water use of a drip system or other water-conservation method as well as my maintenance & repair of my drip lines and irrigation system I use. I agree to use all sustainable-organic methods of pesticides, fertilizers, and weed control. I will refrain from any other methods that may be harmful or hazardous to the environment. THINK GREEN.

**PLOT AGREEMENT:** I will maintain and prepare my own plot. This includes clearing a parameter of 14" from growth all the way around my 4' x 30' plot, harvesting in a timely manner to prevent wasted produce, and preparing it for the next season with leaves, manure, compost or a cover crop. I will only take from my own plot, unless given permission to take from another plot by that gardener. Prepare Plot by May 16, 2016 & Winterize Plot by November 28, 2016. BE A GOOD COMMUNITY GARDENER.

**COMMUNITY TASKS**: I will commit to 10 hours per garden season to common or community aspects/ tasks of the garden. (- Produce Management, - Irrigation, - Fundraising, - Tool, - Beautification, - Education/Workshops, - Community Plots, - Garden/Column Steward, composting, newsletter, events).

Sub-Committee

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK: Gardening is a minimal risk activity BUT some serious, even life-threatening risks include; <u>BEEHIVE AT THE GARDEN</u>, exposure to sun & elements, insects or other animals, plant life, & gardening landscape, tools or equipment. I am responsible for my own safety-have an EpiPen if there is a need. **BE SAFE!** 

LIABILITY WAIVER: I agree to hold harmless the Earth Community Garden, Property Owners or Affiliates for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guest(s). EARTH COMMUNITY GARDEN & PROPERTY OWNERS ASSUME NO LIABILITY.

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Signature	Date	
Address	City, State, ZIP	
E-mail	Phone	