

Lively Acres Community Garden – Gardener Agreement

These rules are intended to help the garden run smoothly. Please cooperate to make this garden a success!

- 1) The garden will be open as early as the soil can be worked in the spring. The president or coordinator will notify all gardeners of the date.
- 2) Each gardener is required to volunteer 16 hours per season to help with general maintenance of the community garden.
- 3) Children are welcome in the garden but must be with an adult at all times. You are responsible for your children and seeing to it that they respect other people’s gardens.
- 4) Last year’s gardeners will have first choice for plots. The garden group can decide how many plots per family or individual gardener. Any remaining will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis.
- 5) No plot can be gardened until plot fees are paid. Garden fees are non-refundable.
- 6) If plots have not been planted within the first 30 days of the opening, the gardener will be given a 30-day notice to either plant the plot or vacate the premises. If the plot has not been planted by the expiration date, the plot will be re-assigned. Your fee will not be refunded to you.
- 7) Put all trash in trash areas. Put all weeds in the compost area and keep all paths and gardens weeded.
- 8) No dogs or other pets are permitted in the garden.
- 9) The sitting area is open to visitors, but a gardener must accompany them. A gardener is responsible for her/his visitors and seeing that they follow the rules.
- 10) Do not plant your garden plot in such a way that it shades your neighbor’s plot.
- 11) Water conservation practices are encouraged. Please keep all hoses, faucets and irrigation equipment in good operating condition. When watering, be mindful of the needs of plants relative to seasonal weather patterns.
- 12) Due to our need to protect ourselves and our environment, the use of pesticides is not allowed. If you decide that you must use pesticides, please use only organic materials and use them sparingly.
- 13) The garden must be cleared of stakes, string and trash in time for the fall plowing and cover cropping.
- 14) If you go out of town, please ask someone to take care of your plot and introduce the garden president or garden coordinator to that person.
- 15) You cannot take vegetables from another person’s garden plot without their written permission. Additionally, the president or coordinator must have a copy of your written permission before anyone else can harvest your vegetables.
- 16) Use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs are prohibited in the garden.
- 17) No growing of poisonous or illegal plants is allowed in the garden.

Breaking any rules may result in expulsion from the garden and forfeiture of your plot fees. If, after being given a thirty-day notice, you do not begin to follow the garden rules you will be asked to leave the garden.

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them.

Gardener Name _____	Garden Coordinator Name _____
Signed _____	Signed _____
Name _____	Date _____
Address _____	

Phone _____	
Email _____	
Fee Paid _____	Date _____