

Rules, terms and Conditions for participation in the Good Counsel Community Gardens

- ┆ I use this garden at my own discretion and I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
- ┆ I agree to pay the fee for the use of the garden on a sliding scale of \$25-120 per plot, per year May-October 31st, due on or before May 14th and that there are no refunds.
- ┆ I understand that I must sign both this Contract and the Waiver and Release form before I can enter the gardens and begin gardening.
- ┆ I understand that in gardening at the Good Counsel Community Gardens that I am becoming a member of a diverse community. I will respect my neighbors and other gardeners, the Good Counsel staff, and the property that is provided and not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
- ┆ I will work to keep the Gardens a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
- ┆ I will have something planted in the garden by June 1 and have it planted all summer long.
- ┆ I understand that the garden is a no-till area. Hand tools to cultivate the gardens are available in the barn for use.
- ┆ I understand the Community Gardens are organic and will not use any synthetic chemical pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers or weed repellents in or around my plot. Information on organic gardening methods is available through the garden coordinator.
- ┆ I will not grow illegal plants in the garden.
- ┆ If my plot is adjacent to the electric fence, I will keep all produce, grass, soil clear of the fence.
- ┆ I will not pick produce from anyone's plot but my own. I will not remove anything that is not mine from the gardens.
- ┆ I will be mindful of neighboring gardens being careful not to step on plants.
- ┆ I will only water my own plot.
- ┆ I will only weed my own plot.
- ┆ I understand that hoses are not permitted in the garden. Gardeners are strongly encouraged to make ~~use~~ of mulch to conserve on the use of water in the garden. (Exemptions are made for those with a medical disability in which case I will provide this medical documentation to the garden coordinator.)
- ┆ I understand smoking is not permitted on the Good Counsel grounds in their entirety including the Community Gardens.
- ┆ I will respect the Garden's property and assets, use equipment and tools owned in common responsibly and treat them with care, clean and return them to the barn after use, and store them neatly and securely. I will not remove equipment furnished by the Good Counsel Community Gardens from the gardens.
- ┆ I will keep weeds down within and maintain the pathways adjacent to my plot.
- ┆ I will commit to 4 hours of community garden service over the garden season. A list of service activities that need to be done will be posted in the barn regularly.
- ┆ I will keep trash and litter cleaned from my plot, adjacent pathways and surrounding areas. I will place trash in trash cans, recyclables in recycling and organic waste in a compost pile.
- ┆ 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.

- ┌ I will not pick fruit from the Good Counsel orchard or go beyond designated areas on the Good Counsel campus.
- ┌ I will park in the Loyola High School parking lot directly across the road from the garden. I may use the dirt road by the garden to load or unload supplies only.
- ┌ I will be responsible for clean-up of my garden and will complete this by October 31.
- ┌ If I am away from my plot for an extended time (i.e. for vacation) and I haven't made arrangements with someone to harvest my garden, I will notify the garden coordinator so my garden may be harvested for those in need.
- ┌ If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the coordinator as soon as possible.
- ┌ Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry will attempt to provide compost in the early spring. I agree only to use one wheelbarrow of compost per plot and pay an additional \$5 per additional wheelbarrow.
- ┌ Gardeners are granted access to ONE cattle panel on a first come first served basis.
- ┌ I grant SSND, employees and agents the right to photograph myself and my dependents and use the photo for publication purposes, whether electronic, print, or digital and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

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

- A. Gardeners will receive one verbal warning from the Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry (CESRM) Director.
- B. If no response or correction is made, a gardener will receive written notice 2 weeks later.
- C. If, in another 2 weeks no correction or response has been made, FINAL NOTIFICATION will be issued forfeiting gardening privileges and plots.
- D. Gardeners may re-apply for a garden only after one year and only at the discretion of the CESRM