

## 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. The fee for a 10x10 plot is on a sliding scale of \$30-120 per plot with each additional plot \$10. The fee is due on or before May 14th and 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. Any person who will be gardening in the Gardens MUST sign the contract and waiver. I understand that any person who is gardening without signing the form may be asked to leave until the waiver is signed.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- I agree to not bring pets or animals onto the premises.

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- 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. Please note, this includes returning all items belonging to the Gardens and removing all personal items including tomato cages, hog panels and other items left in the gardens. *We cannot guarantee that items left in the garden over the winter will be there when you return.*
- 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. Plots that have not been maintained for a season without notification, will be automatically forfeited the following garden season.
- 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.
- Garden plots cannot be traded, exchanged or provided by anyone other than official CESRM staff.
- 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 staff.

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## **Additional Information:**

### **Emergency**

For emergencies, please dial 911. There is a First Aid with Band-Aids, gauze and other basic equipment for minor injuries on site.

### **Tornado Warnings**

If tornado sirens go off, please seek shelter in the main Good Counsel Building (please see map posted in the Barns). Proceed through the main door, down the stairs and to the right into the designated shelter areas.

### **General Questions**

Laura Peterson, Director Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry (CESRM) is located in the Gardens or the CESRM Office on the Good Counsel Campus most Monday's- Friday's 8:30 AM -4:30 PM and some evening/ weekends. You are welcome to come into the CESRM Office to visit, share gardening tips or to check out books from library. If you need assistance on weekends, please call the office at 507-389-4272 and leave a message.

### **On site questions**

If Laura is not present, Bruno Gad, will be located on site on Thursday and Friday 2-7 PM. He will be on site helping with maintenance and will be available to answer questions about the Community Gardens as well as give gardening tips and advice!

### **Compost**

Each plot will receive ONE wheelbarrow of compost provided by volunteers on April 28<sup>th</sup>. If more compost is wanted, it can be purchased for \$5/ wheelbarrow load. Please provide cash or check into the locked comment box in the Barn or the front desk as Good Counsel.

### **Volunteer Teams**

This year, we have asked all Gardeners to volunteer on a team to keep the Gardens thriving. In addition to doing work on your gardens we ask that you complete Team tasks as they are needed. Specific tasks and projects for each team are posted on the Board in the Barn.

### **Community Picnic Day**

As you may know, the Gardens are maintained and funded by the Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry (CESRM) a sponsored ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. This summer, we will be receiving non-profit status that will allow the organization to seek new grant and funding opportunities. What does this change? Not a lot. The name of the CESRM will change. The name of the Gardens will change and there will be additional partnerships and activities at the Gardens but generally speaking it will be business as usual. We invite ALL gardeners to join us in honoring the Gardens and the good work of CESRM and celebrating the growth of the new organization at Community Picnic Day on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming but please mark your calendars!

**Thank you for being a part of this interconnected and important community. We are glad to have you here! If you have a questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Peterson, Director of CESRM.**

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**Commitment:**

**I have read, understand and accept these rules, terms, and conditions. Please return this form to the Center for Earth Spirituality and Rural Ministry Director BEFORE you begin gardening.**

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please print your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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If you are interested in helping to volunteer with a Garden Project throughout the year, if you haven't already, please feel free to sign up now. The CESRM Director will contact you about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

All gardeners are asked to serve on Garden Team this year. Please indicate which team you wish to be on:

- Barn and Tool Team
- Partner Plot Team
- Kids Peace Garden Team
- Path Team
- Hospitality and Education Team
- Flowerbed Team
- Gardener Assistance
- Garden Committee