



2023 Adopt-a-Plot Agreement

Terms of Agreement for Adopt-a-Plot for Harvest Community Garden of Carrollton

Harvest Community Garden (HCG) will: Provide the garden plot, water, access to tools, compost, and gardening information. A selection of seeds and some transplants may become available when donated to the garden.

Community Gardeners agree to the following:

1. **Meetings:** All gardeners must attend a spring orientation meeting at the garden.
2. **Harvest Duties:** Each gardener is responsible to work at least **10 harvest duty assignments per plot** which will be assigned on the Duty Roster. Harvests take place on Saturday mornings. Failure to fulfill your Duty Roster responsibilities may result in revocation of your plot agreement.
3. Gardeners will **donate 50%** (half) by count or weight to the food pantry pick up on Saturday mornings.
4. If you are not available to do your own harvesting, arrange for another gardener to do it, or inform a garden leader. Your 50% should be harvested by Friday night. To encourage more production and reduce wasted produce, gardeners will harvest ripe produce as needed – at least weekly (okra: every 2 days).
5. **Growing Organic Food:** Gardeners will learn and use **only organic gardening** methods.
6. Gardeners will plant their plot with **vegetables throughout the growing season**. Year-round gardening is encouraged. Since a main goal of HCG is to provide nutritious organic *food*, **less than 25% of the plot may be devoted to herbs and/or flowers.**
7. Due to past infestation, **no squash (or zucchini) may be planted.**
8. **Plot Maintenance:** It is the gardener's responsibility to **maintain a healthy and productive plot**. If, for any reason (health, issues, work), you cannot maintain your plot, inform a garden board member.
9. Gardeners will **water as necessary and remove weeds from their plot & walkway around their plot**. Gardeners will remove diseased plants and pests from the garden and place in the dumpster - NOT the compost bins.
10. **Pets are NOT allowed in the garden.** *Never compost dog or cat feces.*
11. **Common work:** In addition to Harvest Duties and Plot Maintenance, each gardener will support HCG by doing their fair share of common work to help make this community garden successful. Gardeners will volunteer at least two (2) hours per month. Examples of volunteer activities: Weed common areas, turn the compost pile, seasonal garden cleanup, apply mulch in common areas, clean the shed, obtain donations, maintain hoses, fence, etc. Considerations will be given for special skills, physical and mental capabilities, and age. Youth participation is encouraged with adult guidance.
12. **Yearly fee & plot agreement:** Each gardener will pay a \$40 per year per assigned plot (\$20 for half a plot). Agreements expire January 1 of each year. Gardeners will read all guidelines and fill out and sign page 2 of this agreement. They must adhere to the terms stated above to continue to garden their adopted plot(s).
13. Available plots shall be given to new gardeners before being given to an existing gardener. New gardeners will start with one plot their first year. The maximum allowance of the garden plots by one family or group is two plots.
14. **The Harvest Community Garden Board** and board-designated garden leaders oversee the garden. These garden leaders will assign plots, assist new gardeners, report maintenance issues, check supplies, ensure that community chores are being done, check garden plots for compliance with agreement terms, and be available to resolve problems. The Garden leader meetings are open to all gardeners.
15. If you have a grievance with others, inform your garden board member *after taking steps to resolve it yourself*. A Board member or a board-designated garden leader will contact the gardener of a grievance and work to resolve it. If the grievance remains, then the Garden Board may revoke a plot assignment.

HARVEST COMMUNITY GARDEN

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www.HarvestCommunityGarden.org

Please circle one: New gardener/Renewing gardener

Name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

List others who will be working with you on your plot: _____

I wish to reserve a: _____ full bed (\$40) _____ half bed (\$20)

****PLEASE NOTE: Make checks payable to Community Gardens of Carrollton and write Harvest Community Garden in the memo section of your check.**

I give permission for the release of any photographs taken of myself or my family at the garden to the media or for use for garden purposes.

I, _____, agree to all Terms of Agreement to garden a Harvest Community Garden plot. I understand that neither Harvest Community Garden nor Redeemer Evangelical Covenant Church nor The Evangelical Covenant Church denomination is responsible for my actions.

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE HARVEST COMMUNITY GARDEN AND/OR REDEEMER COVENANT EVANGELICAL CHURCH AND/OR THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH DENOMINATION FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS. I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL TERMS AS SET FORTH HEREIN.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Mail completed form, your signed acknowledgment of the garden rules, and your payment to:

Harvest Community Garden
C/O Redeemer Covenant Church
1518 E. Frankford Rd.
Carrollton, TX 75007

For Harvest Community Garden Use:

Garden Plot # _____ Start Date: _____

Paid Processing Fee: Y/N _____ \$40/\$20 _____ Check #: _____