

The St. Francis Garden Patch Gardener Covenant

As a Gardener of the Garden Patch, I agree to the following:

- I agree to have something planted in my garden plot by the season kick-off date and keep it planted all season long.
- I will clear my garden plot of all plant material, tools and garden implements by the last day of the season which will be determined by the St. Francis Gardens Advisory Committee.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- I will not use chemical, non-organic herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers, or plastic mulch.
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will not use fencing or other garden edging/dividers taller than 18 inches in my garden plot.
- I will plant tall crops and vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot and access to sunshine. I will also keep stakes or trellises at least 6 inches from the perimeter of my plot.
- I will not remove the The Garden Patch tools from the site. After using them, I will clean and return them to the proper tool shed and lock the shed if needed.
- I agree to volunteer **8 hours** toward community gardening efforts **or pay a no-work fee of \$15 per hour not worked**. Gardeners with special circumstances can apply for a work waiver.
- I will not waste water by leaving a running hose unattended. I will conserve resources by watering only in the early morning or late afternoon/evening on high temperature days.
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given 2 weeks' notice to clean it up. If the issue has not been addressed by the end of that time, the plot will be re-assigned or tilled in.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another gardener.
- If I bring my children and grandchildren to the garden, I will supervise them at all times.
- If I bring a pet, I will keep it leashed at all times and keep them from disturbing other people or their plots. I will also clean up after them and dispose of waste properly.
- I understand that drugs, alcohol, radios, bluetooth speakers and fires are not allowed.
- I will not plant illegal plants or invasive species.
- I will clean my plot at the end of the season (dead plant matter into compost bin, remove all trash) and also remove my own stakes, etc.
- I will respect the other members of the Garden Patch, and will seek to love my neighbor at all times through my words and actions by speaking honestly and respectfully to one another and by dealing openly with disagreements or disputes as they may arise.

By signing this form I agree I will comply with these rules and those listed in **St. Francis Garden Patch Membership Rules & Responsibilities**. I understand that failure to comply may result in the loss of my gardening plot.

I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. **I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE ST. FRANCIS GARDENS OF UPPER TOWNSHIP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN PATCH BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.**

Gardener Name: _____

Gardener Signature: _____

Date: _____