

# BPB GARDEN 1

## Contract and release of all claims

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a participant in the Community Garden. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

- I have read the rules, received a copy, and understand the conditions of membership in the BPB Garden 1. I understand that failure to comply will result in non-renewal/non-approval of my application or termination of gardening privileges. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that might arise through participation in the Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities incurred in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have any questions about the Community Garden, I will contact the Garden Manager and discuss those questions to my satisfaction.
- In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Garden, I, my children, my executors, do hereby release and forever discharge the Garden Committee, Garden Manager, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this garden. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I might incur.

I certify that my true age is either at least 18 years old, or, if I am under 18 years old, that my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved

Garden Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Garden Bylaws**

The Volunteer Garden Committee (committee) is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. The committee is made up of community members elected each year at an annual leadership meeting to be held between April - June. Consequences for failure to uphold the garden rules, terms, or conditions are cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of garden privileges. If a violation of the garden is noted, the following will occur:

1. One verbal warning from the garden manager will be issued.
2. If no response or correction is made, a written notice will be issued two weeks later.
3. If no further response or correction is made, written final notification forfeiting gardening privileges will be issued.
4. Reapplication for another plot after one year will be at the discretion of the garden manager.

### **Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

#### **Garden Use and Maintenance**

1. A raised bed in the BP Garden 1 is **\$25/month**. No refunds will begin following acceptance of the application. Garden plots are non-transferrable.
2. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first come first served basis. Subsequent plot preference will be given to current plot occupants.
3. Plots must be cultivated and planted within two weeks of plot assignment. Plots cannot be left unattended for any period of three weeks or longer without arrangements through the garden manager.
4. The garden is open from dawn to dusk.
5. All plants must be maintained within the limits of the plot and not allowed to grow more than six feet high. Invasive plants are prohibited (such as Bamboo or English Ivy).
6. Garden plots are for growing produce (veggies, herbs, and fruit) and flowers/small shrubs. No illegal plants are to be grown.
7. Plot and surrounding areas must be kept clean, and reasonably free of pests and weeds. Gardeners are responsible for all tilling, soil amendments, cultivating, fertilizing, and watering, etc. Water spigots and hoses are available throughout the garden.

8. Participate in garden maintenance by completely separating waste into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts in designated Compost Bin Container(s); 2) rocks, stones, and asphalt in Rock Pile; and 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. in Recycle Container(s). All other materials shall be disposed of in Trash Container(s).
  
10. If Gardner no longer wants or is able to garden, please contact the Garden manager. Remove all plants and tools within two weeks leaving the plot ready for a new gardener to use.

## **Cultivation**

1. Tools, hoses, and watering equipment will be available in the community garden storage shed and must remain on the premises.
  
2. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the Garden Manager if he or she is unable to care for their plot in any given week. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
  
3. Garden safe and eco-friendly practices are encouraged. The use of synthetic chemicals that act as pesticides and herbicides/weed killers is not allowed (such as Roundup and Corry's Slug and Snail Death).
  
4. Organic methods for weed and pest control are encouraged (such as Sluggo and Safer Insecticidal Soap brands, especially brands with OMRI labeling).
  
5. Organic fertilizers are recommended. However, use of animal manures is prohibited.
  
6. Practice water-wise guidelines. Hand watering only.

## **Good Neighbor Practices**

1. Children and visitors must be supervised at all times when they are in the garden, and need to follow all garden rules.
  
2. Use common courtesy and resolve differences in a neighborly way. Stay polite and listen carefully to other gardeners if there is a problem. Solutions are usually easily resolved. No verbal or physical abuse tolerated.

3. Pets or animals of any kind are not allowed in the garden.
4. Smoking, alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited.
5. There is no removal of another gardener's plants, flowers, fruits or vegetables, etc. allowed without the owner's consent. Maliciousness of any kind towards another gardener or plot will not be tolerated.

### **Community Building**

1. Gardeners are expected to contribute their time to help with general chores in areas outside of their own garden bed. .
2. Attendance is encouraged to participate in garden club meetings.
3. Shared tools or materials provided by the garden for community use will remain on the garden premises.
4. Work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.