

TIMS MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MUSTARD SEED GARDEN MINISTRY

MSGM Gardeners' Handbook

ADOPTABLE PLOTS

Annual adoption fees for MSG plots are as follows:

Flower Bed Plots (4'x4') \$10./year

Vegetable Plots (4'x4') \$10./year

Each returning Gardener will be limited to two garden plots if there is a waiting list.

SEEDS/PLANTING MATERIALS

Gardeners provide their own seeds, plants, fertilizer, and soil amendments (only amendments from the list provided by the MSG Committee are allowed). Water, sunlight, and dirt is provided.

MULCHES

Organic mulches such as leaves, newspaper, pine needles, or hay are acceptable. Black plastic and cypress mulch are NOT to be permitted.

GARDENING TOOLS

MSG gardeners are encouraged to bring and use their own tools, however, a basic compliment of gardening tools will be stored in the shed and will be available for use by MSG gardeners. These tools will consist of a shovel, a trowel, and a garden wagon. If used, please remember to return these tools to the shed for your fellow MSGM gardener to use.

GARDEN/FACILITIES AVAILABILITY

The MSG is available to MSG gardeners during daylight between 8am-8pm (Monday-Saturday) & 12pm-8pm (Sunday). Each gardener will be issued the combination to gate locks as well as the combination to access the keys to the exterior restrooms of the Tomlinson building. Please keep these restrooms clean at all times. It is each gardener's responsibility to ensure that all keys are replaced and all locks are locked after use.

GARDEN MEETINGS/WORK DAYS/VOLUNTEER HOURS

General meetings of the MSG gardeners will be held in the spring, summer, and fall. These meetings are mandatory for all MSG gardeners.

All gardeners are expected to donate a minimum of two hours per month to help maintain the Communal (donation) plots, and are expected to participate in the spring, summer, and fall Garden work days. These work days will be held on Saturdays and will include maintenance of the common areas and Communal (donation) plots.

All MSG Gardeners must volunteer to serve on one of the following Gardening Teams. (Please check one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Donation Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Garden-Raising" (fundraising) Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watering/Weeding Team | |

SUMMER GARDEN OPTIONS

(Please check one)

- Solarize your garden plot(s)
- Plant a cover crop
- Plant sweet potatoes

GARDEN/GARDENERS' RULES

1. *I understand that all gardening must be done during daylight hours between 8am-8pm (Monday-Saturday) & 12pm-8pm (Sunday).*
2. *I will take all non-organic trash home with me or place in bins in front of Leo Erny, and will pick up litter when I see it.*
3. *I will keep pathways around my adopted plot(s) and the surrounding area clear.*
4. *I will only use insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides that comply with MSGM adopted standards.*
5. *I will not allow my vine crops to enter or shade my neighbor's Garden plot.*
6. *I will restrict all music to headphones or other personal listening devices, and will remember to be respectful of our residential neighbors by keeping noise to a minimum...especially during early morning hours.*
7. *I understand that parking is permitted ONLY in designated areas, and that motor vehicles shall not be driven on the lawns or to the Garden.*
8. *I will secure hoses, equipment, and gates prior to leaving.*
9. *I understand that no permanent structures should be placed on the plots. Temporary structures should not shade my neighbor's plot without that neighbor's permission.*
10. *I understand that the use of power tools is not permitted.*
11. *I understand that alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs/plants are is allowed.*
12. *I understand that pets are not allowed in the Garden area.*
13. *I understand that all children under 12 must be under adult supervision at all times.*
14. *I understand that the Garden plot adoption year will begin on the first Sunday of June and will end the last day in May. All Garden adoption fees must be paid on or before the first Sunday in June.*
15. *I understand that if I cannot attend to my plot(s) due to vacations, emergencies, etc., I may ask a neighbor to care for it, however, a signed note must be made available granting my permission to garden "my" adopted garden plot(s).*

16. *I understand that Gardeners of neglected plots will be given 2 weeks to clear their plot(s) of weeds following notification by the MSGM Committee. That if not cleared within those two weeks, may result in forfeiture of the adopted plot(s), and that the adoption fee is non-refundable.*
17. *I understand that a MSG gardener may, at any time, surrender his/her adopted plot, but plot adoption fees are non-refundable.*
18. *I understand that, prior to being assigned my MSG plot(s), I am required to attend an Orientation Session with a MSGM Committee Member.*
19. *I understand that conflicts shall be brought to the MSGM Committee immediately. The MSGM Committee has sole authority to resolve all conflicts.*
20. *I understand that any violation of the Garden Rules may result in termination of my plot(s) adoption privileges, and that my plot adoption fees are non-refundable.*

The 2013/14 MSGM Committee Co-Chairs:

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