

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY GARDEN GARDENER'S AGREEMENT

These rules are intended to provide a framework for a smooth-running, effective community garden, as well as to convey what can be expected during the season. **Happy Gardening!**

- 1) **PLOTS** – A \$20 donation is requested to offset the cost for water. Preferences for next year's plots will be given to this year's participants first. A waiting list will be kept by the garden coordinator and those on the list will be notified as soon as an opening occurs.
- 2) **TRANSFER OF PLOTS** - A plot owner may transfer his/her garden plot to another person but the church must be notified.
- 3) **MAINTENANCE** – All plant material should be contained within the plot boundaries. Each gardener is responsible for the building, maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot – watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance.
- 4) **PLANTS** –
 - a) Tall plants and trellises that support them must not shade neighboring plots.
 - b) No trees, (including fruit) or large shrubs allowed in plots.
 - c) Keep invasive, vining and spreading plants confined to your assigned garden plot. Refer to the Program's Guidelines for more information about invasive plants.
- 5) **COMMON AREA CARE** – Each gardener is responsible for any weeding throughout the walkways around their plots (all sides) as well as helping to keep the common areas weed-free.
- 6) **PESTICIDES** – Due to the need to protect ourselves and our environment, the use of pesticides and herbicides (weed killers) in the garden plots is discouraged. If you must use something, attempt to use organic materials.
- 7) **REFUSE** – Please place all trash and garden materials in the trash can in the garden area.
- 8) **HOSE/WATER** – Water is provided by the church. The key to unlock the water faucet is located on a nail located in the back of the wooden bench along the church wall. Do not let water seep or flow to a neighbor's plot.
- 9) **CHILDREN** – Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times. You are responsible for your children and insuring that they respect other people's gardens.
- 10) **VISITORS** – The garden is open to visitors as long as they are accompanied by the plot owner.
- 11) **END OF YEAR CLEARING** – At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot ready to plant in the spring. Plots should be cleared out by Thanksgiving.

Signature _____

Date _____