

FAITH CRC COMMUNITY GARDEN - 2015

General Information:

1. Important dates for the Faith Church Community Garden:

- April 1, 2015 -- Opening Date: (Gardeners are encouraged to plant on this date or within two weeks following this date; water will be available from the hydrants on April 4; sprinklers will be adjusted depending on weather patterns and the watering pattern posted. Previously used beds not assigned to anyone on April 5 will be cleaned up for others.
- May 1 -- Sign ups close; unclaimed beds will be utilized by a team from the Church for a local food bank.
- Fall Garden Plant date: TBD
- October 31, 2015 -- Closing Date (Gardens must be cleared and prepared for winter by October 31, 2014. (Arrangements can be made to use and reserve the garden beds over the winter.)

2. To more efficiently utilize the beds earlier this year, an individual gardener may adopt more than one garden plot if available.

3. Roundup may be used to keep weeds out of the walkways on the right half of the garden although no pesticide will be applied directly on any beds or plants; the left half of the garden will be strictly organic in every respect. Invisible Fence will be applied starting in March weekly; it will be sprayed on the outside of all the beds and not on the beds or plants; Invisible Fence is composed of natural organics and it is reasonably effective in deterring hungry warm fuzzy friends like rabbits.

4. A waiting list will be established if all garden plots have been adopted.

GARDENERS' AGREEMENT

1. I will actively garden in my plot. I understand that I am responsible for weeding, fertilizing, soil amendments and caring for my plot. I am responsible for maintaining the appearance of my garden plot and the bordering walkways. This includes cleaning up trash, litter, pulling the weeds, removing dead/dying plants and rotting vegetables and putting tools away.

2. I understand that Faith Church Community Garden is a natural garden and I will only use natural fertilizers and pesticides. If I am in doubt about a fertilizer or pesticide, I will check with the Faith Church Community Garden Committee at faithchurchcommunitygarden@gmail.com. Information and help will be provided by the Faith Church Community Garden Committee.

3. I will not grow sun-blocking, invasive or illegal weeds, vegetable, vines or fruit that will interfere with other gardener's enjoyment of their gardening experience. Garden plots are intended for edible food plants.

4. I will dispose of weeds and plant materials in the designated compost area. I will dispose of trash and non-compostable debris in the garden's recycling or trash receptacle.

5. I will notify the Faith Church Community Garden Committee at faithchurchcommunitygarden@gmail.com if I am no longer able to tend my plot, will be absent for a long period of time, or have asked a friend to tend my garden.

6. If my plot becomes un-kept at anytime, I understand I will be given two weeks' notice to clean it up. If it remains in non-compliance, it will be re-assigned. I understand this is a one-time courtesy.

7. I will harvest my plot in a timely manner. If I am unable to pick my produce, I will notify the Faith Church Community Garden Committee at faithchurchcommunitygarden@gmail.com that my plot needs to be harvested and produce donated to the designated food pantry. If the produce in my garden bed is unharvested for eight days, the Faith Church Community Garden Committee has my permission to harvest and donate it for me unless otherwise communicated (i.e. saving seed).

8. An automatic watering system will be provided. If you need additional water, please use the hoses. Do NOT adjust the timers! If you see water running, please email the Garden Coordinator at faithchurchcommunitygarden@gmail.com

9. I am allowed to use the onsite tools only for the purpose for which they were designed. I must clean the tools and return them to their proper place.

10. I will report any broken or damaged tools to the Faith Church Community Garden Committee at faithchurchcommunitygarden@gmail.com.

11. I will store all supplies in the proper place.

12. I will not have tobacco plants or products in the garden. Use of tobacco products will be limited to the designated smoking area. Tobacco carries the Mosaic Virus that is easily transmitted to other plants and kills them.

13. I will not consume alcohol or illegal substances on Faith Church Community Garden premises.

14. I will not pick produce from any other gardener's plot.

15. I will report any problems, vandalism or damage to the Faith Church Community Garden Committee at faithchurchcommunitygarden@gmail.com.

16. If I have a grievance with another gardener, I will report it to the Faith Church Community Garden Committee at faithchurchcommunitygarden@gmail.com after taking steps to resolve it myself. I understand if someone has a grievance with me, and the grievance remains unresolved after appropriate notice, the Faith Church Community Garden Committee has the right to revoke my plot assignment.

17. I understand that pets are not allowed at the Faith Church Community Garden.

18. I will encourage my children to come with me to Faith Church Community Garden. I understand that it is my responsibility to keep my children focused on the garden activities.

19. I will help maintain the grounds by keeping litter picked up.

20. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

I AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS FAITH CHURCH AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS. I AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL TERMS SET FORTH.

All gardeners must submit a signed copy of this agreement before use of the garden site.