

2016 Helena Community Gardens Gardener Agreement

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Garden: _____ **Plot:** _____

Fee: _____ **Additional Donation:** _____

Payment Method: Cash [] Check [] Check # _____

I agree to share basic contact info with other gardeners:

Yes [] No []

1. I will begin plot maintenance by May 25th and continue through October 25th. I will clear my plot in the fall, unless I have made a prior arrangement with the Garden Manager (GM).
2. I will be respectful to other gardeners, their guests, neighbors, residents, and visitors to the garden.
3. I will keep the lock combination secure, and will lock the garden when leaving if I am the last person there.
4. I will be responsible for pets, guests, and children that I bring to the garden.
5. I will keep weeds and debris to a minimum and maintain the areas adjacent to my plot including pathways and fence lines.
6. If I am unable to maintain my plot, I will notify the GM and make arrangements for someone else to maintain it.
7. I understand that if my plot becomes unkempt, is abused, or lays fallow, I will be contacted by the GM and given two weeks to remedy the situation. If the issue is not resolved within that time period, I understand that my plot will be reassigned or tilled in and no refund will be given.
8. I will not plant perennials (plants that live more than one year) unless approved by the GM.
(examples: horseradish, raspberries, Jerusalem artichoke, horseradish, and mint)

9. I agree to use water wisely by maintaining and closely monitoring my irrigation system to prevent waste. I agree to utilize water conservation methods such as mulching, drip or soaker hoses, evening/morning watering, and hand watering. I understand that unattended oscillating fan or bow type sprinklers are not allowed and will be shut off immediately by the GM as will any type of irrigation system that is watering a neighboring plot without the permission of that plot holder. I will notify the GM of any water wastage I observe.

10. I understand that all gardens are to be organically maintained and operated. Synthetic pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers are not allowed, and many nonsynthetic substances are highly discouraged. Pest and weed control is to be achieved by organic means including crop rotation, mulching, weeding, mechanical cultivation, cover and/or co-cropping, trapping, and mowing. Soil fertility issues such as structure and chemical composition shall be addressed through composting, mulching, and cover and/or co-cropping. If I have any doubts or questions, I will contact the GM BEFORE implementing or applying any product, procedure, or substance. I understand that if I do not abide by these guidelines I may be required to surrender my plot.

11. I agree to volunteer hours towards community garden through the volunteer policy set by the Garden Manager at my garden.

12. I will participate in composting efforts at the garden, and comply with the posted composting guidelines.

I understand that Helena Community Gardens, the City of Helena, and/or other garden property owners are not responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the aforementioned entities for any liability, loss, damage, or claim that occurs with any use or product of the garden by myself or my guests.

I have read and understand and agree to the rules, terms, and conditions stated above.

Gardener Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to:

Garden Manager

Or Mail to:

Helena Community Gardens

PO Box 1222

Helena, MT 59624

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