

GARDNERS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. I agree to pay a donation fee of \$25.00 per box per season running from March to October of the current year.
2. I agree to have my box(s) planted by May 15th and keep it planted for the season.
3. I agree that if I must abandon my box for any reason I will notify the garden board.
4. I agree to control weeds, trash, and litter and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my box.
5. I understand if my box becomes unkempt, I will be given 2 weeks' notice to clean it up. If the issue has not been addressed by the end of that time, the box will be forfeited along with the monies paid, tilled in and re-assigned.
6. I agree to plant tall plants only where they will not shade neighboring boxes. Any vine plants will be staked to assure they do not fall and grow outside of the box area.
7. I agree to only pick my own crops. If given permission to pick another members box the Garden Committee must be made aware of this agreement.
8. I agree to not use fertilizers, insecticides, or repellents. Only approved natural substances should be used to control pests or fertilize plants. For questions on types of natural fertilizers, insecticides or repellents contact our Master Gardener.
9. I agree to grow only plants that are legally allowed to be grown in Illinois. For a list of Illinois' illegal plants see <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/homeowners/990515.html>
10. I agree not bring pets into the garden area.
11. I agree not to come to the garden intoxicated or under the influence of drugs. I will not use alcohol or drugs while at the community garden.
12. I understand neither the Garden Committee nor owners of the land (County) are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN COMMITTEE AND OWNERS OF THE LAND (COUNTY) FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR CLAIM THE OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE COMMUNITY GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

I have read the Gardener Memorandum of Understanding and understand that failure to meet and abide by the rules will result in loss of gardening privileges.

Name (Please print)

Signature of garden box renter

Date

GARDEN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES TO COMMUNITY GARDEN BOX USERS

1. The Garden Committee agrees to keep the areas around the boxes mowed, trimmed and hazard free. ADA mesh has been installed around boxes 1-6 for handicap accessibility.
2. The Garden Committee agrees to repair any damaged boxes due to wear but not repair boxes due to box users' negligence.
3. The Garden Committee agrees to provide access to water and hose for the boxes through the metered fire hydrant. It is the responsibility of the box renter to assure water is turned off, hoses reeled up and hydrant locked when done using.
4. The Garden Committee agrees to provide a shed for box users to store garden tools in. The Garden Committee does not agree to be responsible for any items that may be broken or stolen while left in the shed.
5. The Garden Committee agrees to provide lawn waste bags to the box owners to use. 1 bundle of lawn waste bags will be provided to box renter at the beginning of the season.
6. The Garden Committee agrees to provide a compost bin for box users to discard waste in. Directions on how to use a compost bin will be given to each box user.
7. The Garden Committee agrees to keep financial records of how the box funds are going back into the community garden.
8. The Garden Committee agrees to have a Master Gardener available for questions, concerns or gardening advice. Current Master Gardener is Ginny Bellamy @ gtbellamy@comcast.net.
9. The Garden Committee will meet quarterly to discuss any garden business. The Committee will exist of at least three (3) persons but no more than five (5). A committee chair will be appointed yearly at the March meeting. The Treasurer of the committee will be assigned to the Financial Manager of the health department as a permanent position held. A written Financial Report will be given at every quarterly meeting. Box renters may serve on the committee if open spaces are available.
10. Box assignments will be made at the March meeting each year.

Garden Committee Chair

Date

Please keep a copy of this agreement for future reference.