

Washington MO Community Garden (WMCG) Gardener Application

Gardener: _____

Gardener Address: _____

Gardening Partner/address: _____

Gardener Phone: (1) _____ (2) _____

Gardener email address (es) _____

Did you have a garden plot last year? _____

Number of plots requested this year: _____ Fee for Plot(s): \$25.00

Grow with us! Please sign up for at least one of the garden jobs/crews listed below.

__ Garden Liaison to Peace Lutheran Pastor (Works with grounds & composting crews and serves as facilitator to communicate outreach & community relations issues as needed to Peace Lutheran's, Pastor Aimee Appell)

__ Garden Grounds Crew (observes, recommends, assists WMCG Steering Committee with grounds improvements as needed)

__ Composting Crew (Monitors health & maintenance of compost pile/mix or turn the compost monthly to help the breakdown process & eliminate odor).

Help. If you are a new gardener, would you like an experienced gardener to help you? ___ yes ___ no.

If you are an experienced gardener, would you like to help a new gardener? ___ yes ___ no

Photo permission: from time to time, gardeners, garden leaders & the media will take photos of the garden. Please initial here ___ if you give your permission for your photo to be published (Facebook site, Instagram, local print media).

Phone & email: All gardeners are required to share their phone number and their email address with garden leaders. In addition, a gardener phone & email list is shared with all gardeners. Please initial here ___ to indicate that you are aware of this requirement.

Your signature matters. By signing below, I agree that I have read & understand all Gardener Guidelines, Liabilities waiver & rules, & I plan to abide by all of them. I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that offers in connection with the use of garden by me or my guests.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Gardener Guidelines for Washington MO Community Garden (WMCG) @ Peace Lutheran

Gardener guidelines (or rules, regulations, policies, etc.) can take many shapes & forms. The following guidelines have been established by the steering committee of this garden. Please read the guidelines & direct any questions or comments to the garden steering committee (members listed below).

- 1. All gardeners are required to complete an application form. A plot fee of \$ 25.00 is due at time of approval.*
- 2. All gardeners are required to sign up for one of the garden jobs/crews as listed on the application.*
- 3. All gardeners are required to keep their plot(s) and adjoining pathways respectfully tended, weed-free & aesthetically pleasing to the church grounds. This means that your garden must be kept tidy & intently monitored for weeds / obvious weeds removed. If your plot appears to be untended for a period of time, and you have not contacted the *Garden Contact Center (information listed below), you will be contacted, and your plot could be assigned (see # 17) to another gardener. Call the Garden Contact Center if you need help or if you will be out of town for an extended period of time. If you plan to discontinue use of your space, please let the monitor or registrar know as soon as possible so that your plot can be assigned to another gardener.*
- 4. Plant tall plants & vines in places where they will not interfere with your neighbor's plot. Planting illegal plants is prohibited.*
- 5. At the end of the gardening growing season, all dead plants and no-plant material (string, wire, wood, metal, plastic, etc.) must be removed and disposed of properly and all gardens left neat & tidy. If your garden is not cleaned-up by the middle of November, you could lose your gardening privileges for the next season.*
- 6. Please pick up & dispose litter when you see it.*
- 7. Please put weeds and dead plants into the compost area, located behind the tree line adjacent to the garden. Any diseased plants or seedy or invasive weeds are to be bagged and put in the trash so as not to contaminate the gardens.*
- 8. It is strictly forbidden to apply anything to, or pick anything from, another person's plot without their expressed approval.*
- 9. Please do not leave water on or unattended. Conserve water. When finished gardening for the day, please roll up the hose at the faucet area, and pack up your tools before leaving the garden.*
- 10. Smoking and chewing tobacco is not allowed on premise. Tobacco can transmit a lethal virus to tomatoes & cigarette butts are loaded with toxins.*
- 11. Avoid chemical pesticides.*
- 12. Pets, drugs, alcohol, radios, music playing devices (excludes ear buds) and fires are not allowed on premise.*
- 13. Please supervise children at all times when in the garden. Adults in the garden are responsible for all accompanied children.*

14. For your safety, please only garden during daylight hours. Consider gardening in pairs or keeping a cell phone nearby.
15. Report theft, vandalism & unusual activities to the garden steering committee members immediately.
16. Use common courtesy, be considerate of our gardening neighbors & enjoy!
17. Violation of Gardener Guidelines: If any of the aforementioned guidelines are violated you will be contacted by phone or email and have one week to address the violation. After one week, if the violation has not been remedied, you may lose your gardening privileges & your plot fee will not be refunded.

*Garden Contact Center:

Email is peacechurchelca@gmail.com and the phone number is 636-239-1878.

Washington MO Community Garden (WMCG) – Gardener Liability Waiver

Gardeners will sign a liability waiver holding the WMCG at Peace Lutheran grounds and the landlord harmless for all liabilities and claims against the landlord and WMCG for any personal injury, including death, to any person and / or damage to the property of any person arising from the acts omissions of the tenant/landlord or any officer, agent, sponsored program participant, or employee of the tenant/ landlord of this contract.

Gardeners will observe and conduct their behavior in accordance with the 5 Rules of Respect in the Garden as stated below.

_____ Date: _____

(Printed Name & Signature of Intended Gardener)

5 Rules of Respect in the Garden:

1. Respectful behavior. Gardeners make their space and the overall garden a welcoming space for everyone. Gardeners learn from & help each other.
2. Respect for your neighbor. Gardeners avoid tending to another's garden or picking produce without the permission of lot season owner.
3. Respectful of the environment. Gardeners choose environmentally friendly actions. They water wisely & use compost or mulch to keep their garden weed free, & conserve / optimize soil moisture.
4. Respect for Garden plot. Gardeners maintain their plot and the surrounding pathways by weeding regularly (weekly). Gardeners will grow invasively potential plants in containers only, and limit the amount of shade their plants cast on other plots. Gardeners respectfully understand that plots are assigned by the garden committee. Gardeners understand that lots which are not regularly maintained and kept weed free & aesthetically pleasing, are subject to plot forfeit.
5. Respectful to cooperative with maintenance of common grounds. Gardeners assist in the upkeep of the garden as a whole. They volunteer for general garden tasks, and they understand that it is important to clean & put their away garden tools and community water hoses. They will pick up and properly dispose of trash, rocks, or unwanted items. They will help maintain common areas, grass & brush.