

Coppell Community Garden 2009 Adopt-a-Plot Agreement

Terms of Agreement for Adopt-a-Plot and Share the Harvest:

1. The Coppell Community Garden/City of Coppell will provide the garden plot, water, access to tools, mulch, compost, amendments, gardening information, and a selection of seeds and some transplants, when available.
2. Gardeners will be responsible for the planting and weed-free maintenance of their allotted plot and adjacent paths and to keep it in VEGETABLE AND FRUIT production during the growing season.
3. Gardeners will be responsible for harvesting their produce weekly for the Saturday 10 am food pantry pick-up at the garden. It will be the responsibility of the participant to make arrangements for their contributing portion of Share the Harvest.
4. Each Gardener will support their respective garden (Helping Hands or Ground Delivery) by doing their fair share of common work as defined by their garden. Considerations will be given for special skills, physical and mental capabilities, and age. Youth participation is encouraged with adult guidance.
5. Gardeners must adhere to the guidelines as stated to continue to garden their adopted plot(s). The Garden Committee will contact the gardener with one grievance stating a specified time to adhere. If the gardener does not adhere, then the adopted plot(s) will be reassigned.
6. Each new gardener will pay a \$10 processing fee to the Coppell Community Garden.
7. The Coppell Community Garden Committee oversees the gardens. Each of the community gardens has representatives on the Garden Committee to assist new gardeners, report maintenance issues, support gardeners with supplies, check garden plots for compliance with guidelines, and be available to resolve problems. Committee meetings will be announced, and gardeners are encouraged to attend and to bring issues forward to the group to resolve.
8. Available plots shall be given to new gardeners before being given to an existing gardener. New gardeners will start with one plot their first year. If a plot becomes available during the year, and no garden applicants are waiting for a plot, a new gardener may request an additional plot provided they have shown that they are committed to the goals of the garden, donate food, keep their current plot producing, remove weeds, and share in the common work. The maximum allowance of garden plots by one family or group is two plots or the number of plots you ended with the prior year.



Please read the following guidelines carefully and agree to adhere to them by signing in the space provided.

The Coppell Community Garden Adopt-a-Plot Participant will:

- ☞ Be responsible for his/her allotted plot(s) and sharing the maintenance of the common areas and garden-made compost.
 - Continuously produce vegetables, fruits, and companion plants by succession planting, mulching all soil with organic matter, and using proper watering techniques. Never have bare soil. During winter, completely mulch plot(s) soil and/or plant a cover crop.
 - Continuously maintain adjacent paths, aisles, and edges by weeding and keeping them mulched with a cardboard base. Weed plots and paths weekly.
 - Commit and participate in sharing common chores maintaining common areas. Support and participate in the self-management of your respective garden.

- ☞ Walk through the garden on the garden paths. Never step on the garden beds and plots soil.
- ☞ Harvest and donate 80% of their weekly produce for the Saturday 10:00 AM food pantry pick-up. If you are not available, arrange for another gardener to do it.
- ☞ Only harvest or work in other gardeners' plots if you have permission by that gardener.
- ☞ Record all volunteer hours and turn in monthly via email.
- ☞ Strive to learn and use organic gardening methods to produce more disease resistant and pest free plants, and more nutritious fruits and vegetables.
- ☞ Respect neighboring plots by keeping your vines and shade from tall plants or trellis within your plot borders.
- ☞ Keep areas litter, tobacco, alcohol, and drug free.
- ☞ Pets are not allowed within the garden. Never compost dog and cat feces.
- ☞ If, for any reason (health, issues, work), you cannot maintain your plot or have a grievance with others, inform your garden's representative after taking steps to resolve it yourself.

Adhere to these guidelines. Consequences will be enforced as follows:

One warning will be given. If you have not adhered within the specified time, your plot will be given to someone that wants to follow the guidelines.

I, _____, agree to adhere to all guidelines as stated above to garden a Coppell Community Garden plot. I understand that neither Coppell Community Garden nor the City of Coppell nor the Coppell Post Office are responsible for my actions.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE COPPELL COMMUNITY GARDEN AND CITY OF COPPELL, AND/OR COPPELL POST OFFICE 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 GUIDELINES SET FORTH.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coppell Community Garden Adopt-a-Plot Registration

(please circle one)

New Gardener

Renewing Gardener

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

____ I give permission to release to the media any photographs taken of myself or my family at the garden.

List others who will be working with you on your plot: _____

Garden Preference:

____ Helping Hands (by Town Center) ____ Ground Delivery (by P.O.)

Survey: Which of these areas motivate you to participate in the community garden?

____ Share the Harvest ____ Space/water/resources
____ Garden Education ____ Social ____ Exercise
____ Community Service ____ Other: _____

How do you plan to stay committed and sustain a plot for the garden season?

For Coppell Community Garden Use:

Helping Hands Garden Plot # _____ Ground Delivery Garden Plot # _____

Start Date: _____

Paid Processing Fee: Y / N Completed Background Check Form: Y / N
(new gardener only)