

2016 Community Harvest Garden Adopt-a-Plot Agreement

All gardeners must submit this signed agreement annually or semi-annually before receiving a plot.

Each Community Harvest Gardener will:

1. Pay an **annual \$35 fee**, \$20 for a half plot or for half a year.
2. Be responsible for weeding his/her plot and 1.5' border surrounding plot. (**A minimum of weekly tending** including watering, weeding, and harvesting is required during peak growing season.)
3. Participate in a **2-hour community maintenance** Saturday morning work session a minimum of **once a month** to help care for common areas. Work on a team to care for one of these areas: compost piles, fruit tree orchard, herb gardens, perimeter paths, berry canes, sending harvest reminders and maintaining log, communicating with the public and church community through writing Facebook and web site posts and newsletter articles. Record time in the log book.
4. Agree to **donate 50% of produce from plot. All ripe, unmarked produce available at 8a.m. on Saturday mornings will be harvested for donation to local food pantries.**
5. **Participate in a community harvest once a month during peak harvest seasons. (1-2 hours)** One member of the harvest team will deliver produce to a designated local food bank and report weight for the community log. (Harvests will not be made on holiday weekends.)
6. **Continuously produce vegetables**, fruits and companion plants by succession planting, mulching all soil with organic matter, and using proper watering techniques. Plots should never have bare soil. Plant a winter cover crop (ex: hairy vetch, buckwheat, peas, rye) when not producing vegetables.
7. **Attend a minimum of two socials during the year. (Most will be held on second Saturdays 10-noon.)**
8. Learn and **use best practices for organic gardens.**
9. **Never step on the garden beds and plot soil.**
10. **Never harvest for yourself from another gardener's plot** or work another garden unless you have permission from that plot gardener.
11. Respect neighboring plots by **keeping vines and shade from tall plants or trellis within plot borders.** Tall and sprawling plants can be planted in the food forest.
12. **Keep areas litter free.**
13. **Never use drugs, alcohol or tobacco on garden grounds.**
14. **Never bring pets into the garden area.**
15. **Never compost dog and cat feces.**
16. **Never request donations on behalf of the garden without prior written authorization** by the garden committee.
17. **Inform the garden committee immediately if unable to maintain his/her plot for any reason (i.e. health, work or other reasons).** Prepare a mid-year forfeited plot for the next gardener by clearing it of any non-producing plants and weeds.

Your plot will be given to another gardener after two warnings on the occasion of a breach of these conditions.

I, _____, agree to follow the guidelines listed above in exchange for receiving a garden a plot in the Community Unitarian Universalist Church Community Harvest Garden. I understand that the church is not responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Community Unitarian Universalist Church of Plano 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.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Signed	Date	Email address	Plot #

Address	City	State	Zip Code

Phone	Emergency Contact	Phone	

For more information, contact harvest@communityuuchurch.org
Mail this, along with a check for \$35 for a 4'x16' plot, \$20 for a 4'x8' plot or a half year of a full plot made out to Community Unitarian Universalist Church, to: **Deb Bliss, P O Box 863321, Plano, TX 75086-3321**