



City of Columbia
Parks and Recreation Department
Community Gardens Pledge

If accepted as a gardener, I agree to abide by the following rules, terms and conditions:

- Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it within two weeks. I will garden year round. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer, more than one time a year.
- I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than six feet high. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
- I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will completely separate my trash into three groups:
 1. Dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plants parts
 2. Rocks, stones, and asphalt
 3. Paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc.
- I will put each type of trash only in the areas designated specifically for each.
- Anything I bring from my home I will take back home.
- I will not bring household trash and leave it at the Community Garden.
- I will not plant any illegal plants. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden.
- I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
- Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them.
- They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
- If workshops are offered, I will attend at least one on each of the following topics: soil preparation and maintenance, watering the vegetable garden, and pest and disease control.
- I will not allow any pesticides in the garden without the approval of the Department of Parks and Recreation.
- I will not duplicate keys to the garden or give my key or lock combination to another person.
- I will not take food or plants from other gardener's plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
- I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.

Signature: _____

Date: _____