

## **Troy Hill Citizens' Community Gardens Terms and Conditions**

This contract exists to protect the time and energy invested by each gardener and ensures success of the community gardens. By signing below, you, the lessee, agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

**Plot lease and renewal:** Each plot consists of a 4x8 foot raised bed and costs \$10.00 a growing season, as defined as March 1st to October 31st. Prior year lessees who are in good standing are given the first opportunity to renew leases until March 15th. The remaining plots are then leased to new members on a first come, first served basis. Although membership in Troy Hill Citizens is not required, it is strongly encouraged as it helps to further support the community gardens.

**Garden Maintenance:** During the growing season, gardeners are required to keep plots clean and free of weeds and debris, including dead plant material. At a minimum, plots should be tended to on a weekly basis. It is the gardener's responsibility to seek assistance from fellow gardeners or garden coordinators if they are unable to keep up with maintenance themselves.

All plots must be emptied and cleaned prior to October 31st. This includes any fencing or posts that were added to the raised bed. Any gardener wishing to continue gardening through the winter months (October 31st to February 28th) must get prior approval from the garden coordinator.

Garden coordinators reserve the right to revoke the gardening privileges of gardeners whose plots are left unattended or are not cleaned out prior to October 31st. In the event that a plot is left unattended, the garden coordinator will notify the gardener via phone or email after which point the gardener has 14 days to resolve the situation. If the situation has not been resolved and/or the gardener cannot be reached for explanation by the end of this period, access to the community gardens may be revoked.

Gardeners are required to participate in the regular maintenance of garden common areas. In addition, gardeners are required to participate in at least one group maintenance project per year. This includes a start of growing season work day, a mid-season picnic and maintenance day, and an end of season garden work day event.

**Herbicide, Pesticides, and Fertilizer:** The use of synthetic and broad spectrum pesticides and herbicides are forbidden. The use of natural and/or organic products is acceptable, provided the applicator adheres to the product's label instructions. If there are any questions regarding certain products please contact a garden coordinator.

**Compost Bins:** Please follow the instructions posted on the compost bins.

**Personal Gardening Equipment:** The storing of personal gardening equipment is acceptable. Please properly label your tools and secure them in the garden sheds or greenhouse. Small tools may also be stored in the gardener's plot. Troy Hill Citizens cannot be held responsible for any broken or lost tools. All personnel equipment and tools must be removed by the end of season (October 31st) unless given prior permission by a garden coordinator.

**Sheds and Greenhouse:** Must be kept locked and secure at all times.

Lookout St. Garden Bed #(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Elbow St. Garden Bed #(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Print \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Lease (yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_