



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COME GROW WITH US

Community Garden Plot Application

Thank you for your interest in our community garden. This garden was begun in 2012 as a ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, with the goal of donating fresh, organic produce to local food pantries and alleviating hunger on Aquidneck Island. In 2016, for the first time, we are opening the garden to members of the community through seasonal plot rentals. Our intention is to bring organic gardening within reach of a larger local population while encouraging gardeners to donate excess fruits and vegetables to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center or other food pantries. Please review this agreement, sign it to confirm your commitment to care for the plot assigned to you, and return it with cash or check (payable to St. Mary's, with "Community Garden Plot" on the memo line) to the attention of the Parish Administrator at the address below. Questions? Contact garden coordinator Elise LaParle Garcia (elise123@cox.net).

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Agreement

- This garden is first and foremost a community. We encourage all gardeners to join us for a spring kick-off event at the start of the growing season, a fall cleanup event at the end, and other gatherings and community events.
- Each plot will measure roughly 4 feet by 13 feet and be available for seasonal rental (May through October) at a cost of \$50. Payment must be received before planting can begin. In 2016, plots will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. In subsequent years, gardeners may request their same plot, and requests will be accommodated as we are able.
- In keeping with the original intent of our community garden outreach ministry, we ask that gardeners donate any excess harvest to local food pantries or those who have need. A donation basket will be made available for collection.
- Gardeners are responsible for the upkeep of their plot, including watering, weeding, harvesting, and other garden-related maintenance. If for any reason you are no longer able to care for your plot, we ask that you notify coordinator Elise LaParle Garcia (elise123@cox.net). If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks, it will be subject to reassignment.
- Garden tools are available in the shed for use by all gardeners and should be returned to the shed after each use. Watering cans are found on the fence, and water is available from a garden hose. Hose and cans should be returned to the fence after use.
- Gardeners may harvest from their garden only, and the application of non-organic pesticides to plots is prohibited.
- Children are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and should be supervised at all times. Pets are strictly prohibited from the garden area and must be leashed at all times while on St. Mary's property.
- At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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