



## Marion Polk Food Share

### Community Gardens

#### Priority 2 (P2) Garden Coordinator Agreement

2022

**Garden name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coordinator name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Goals of this Agreement:** The Marion Polk Food Share's garden program has the central purpose of increasing equitable food access by empowering the diverse communities of Marion and Polk counties to grow and share fresh produce. This agreement outlines the partnership between you, a volunteer garden coordinator, and the Marion Polk Food Share as we work together to help gardeners succeed.

***Benefits:*** The Marion Polk Food Share Community Gardens Program agrees to provide the following for all Priority 2 (P2) community gardens, depending upon resource availability.

1. **Seeds:** New seeds are available starting in March; year-round, first come first serve at the Seed Shed in front of our warehouse: 1660 Salem Industrial Dr NE, Salem OR.
2. **Compost:** Compost provided by Marion County Publics Works will be delivered in the months of March or April.
3. **Plant Starts:** Donated and contract-grown plant starts will be available during plant start distribution days (April 23, May 7, May 21, and June 4, 2022).
4. **Networking:** invitations to regular meetings with other gardens and partners.

***Responsibilities:*** The garden coordinator accepts the following responsibilities concerning the administration and maintenance of the garden.

1. **Garden Management:** The coordinator acts as the site manager for all aspects of the operations of the garden, including plot rentals, infrastructure and landscaping, gardener communication, and dispute resolution.



2. **Equal Treatment:** coordinator makes garden services available to the community equitably, making reasonable accommodations to community members with specific needs. No gardener should be turned away from services on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, political affiliation, military status, familial status, or marital status. Gardens that serve a specific food insecure or vulnerable population (e.g., a garden at a transitional housing site) may reserve the right to limit entry only to program participants.
3. **Providing Food Security:** Coordinators will reserve 20% of growing space for some combination of the following:
  - a) low-cost rental plots that specifically serve households facing food insecurity
  - b) educational programming for children or young adults facing food insecurity.
  - c) food donated to Marion Polk Food Share, a Food Share partner agency, or another approved charity.

**By signing below, both parties agree to assume their respective responsibilities outlined above. This is a volunteer relationship only; no employment relationship exists. Both the Food Share and the Garden Coordinator have the right to terminate this volunteer relationship at any time. The Food Share reserves the right to withdraw support of a garden if the above functions are not fulfilled.**

Signatures:

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Garden Coordinator

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Date

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Marion Polk Food Share

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Date