

# \_\_\_\_\_ Community Garden Plot Rental Agreement

**Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Coordinator's name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Coordinator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinator Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your plot number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Combinations for lock(s): \_\_\_\_\_

A plot costs \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the season. Payment is due with this agreement. This money is used for garden supplies that benefit all gardeners.

## **Guidelines for garden use:**

- You agree to regularly maintain your garden from May 15<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- You are responsible for weeding your plot, preventing weeds from setting new seed.
- You may not leave out piles of weeds, dead plants, tools or other supplies when not in use. Please clean up after yourself.
- You are responsible for helping to maintain clear pathways around your plot.
- You must clean out your plot and bring personal supplies home by October 31<sup>st</sup>, unless you have requested and received permission to extend your plot rental through the winter.
- Use of firearms, animal traps, toxic chemicals and drugs or alcohol is prohibited at the community garden.
- Burning of debris and dumping garbage is prohibited.
- Composting is allowed and encouraged. Please talk to the coordinator for guidelines on using the compost bins.
- You may not share the combinations for locks with anyone outside your household.
- If multiple households are sharing a plot, each household should sign a separate agreement.
- You may not harvest, weed, plant, or otherwise modify any garden plots other than the plot(s) assigned to you.

Please note that the Marion Polk Food Share, the property owner, community partners and volunteer coordinators are not liable for loss or damage of property or personal injury of community gardeners while participating in gardening activities.

### **Violations of guidelines**

- If you fall behind on garden maintenance, the coordinator will contact you. Plots that have not been maintained for more than a month between May 15 and October 31 will be considered abandoned and may be reassigned or cleaned out.
- If you violate any of the other guidelines listed above, the coordinator has the right to prohibit your participation in the garden in future years.
- In cases of theft, vandalism, harassment, or hostile behavior, the garden coordinator may immediately terminate this agreement and reassign or clean out your plot(s).

### **Additional notices for all gardens on City of Salem property:**

- This garden space is offered to the community through a license agreement between the City of Salem and the Marion Polk Food Share. The City may revoke the license at any time and give thirty days' notice for the garden to be vacated.
- This garden is a community collaboration, and gardeners should strive to share the space harmoniously. The success of the garden depends upon each gardener's willingness to cooperate with others, to seek to resolve conflicts peacefully, and to be friendly and generous in all interactions.
- All produce from this garden should be enjoyed by the gardeners or freely shared with the community. No produce from the garden may be sold.
- By city ordinance, no weeds or grasses should be allowed to exceed 10 inches in height within garden plots or shared pathways.

### **Equipment & Resources Provided:**

- Water is available for your use at the community garden. Please use water wisely.
- The community garden has shared tools available for gardeners. Please treat this shared resource with respect and return tools to shed when finished.
- Marion Polk Food Share provides compost, seeds, plant starts, and other supplies as available. See the Garden Coordinator for more information.
- Marino Polk Food Share and OSU Extension offer free classes and printed materials covering gardening, cooking, and preserving. See the Garden Coordinator for more information.

**Please keep the first two pages of the agreement for yourself, and return this page to the garden coordinator.**

*I have read this agreement and understand its terms and conditions. I agree to abide by the guidelines listed in the above agreement.*

Name(s) of gardener(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Plot Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you with garden information:

Phone number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_