



# CITY OF FORT PIERCE

## Community Garden Rules, Plot Application, & Agreement

Gardener cooperation is very important to the success of the Community Garden Program. As a plot owner, you must be physically capable of working your plot or make arrangements for someone else to work it for you. All persons working in a plot must complete these forms. If family members are working in the same plot, all names must be listed on the application. If children are working in a plot, they must be listed by the parent. **You are required to attend an orientation meeting, 1 work party per agreement period, and assist in keeping the communal areas maintained, especially around your assigned plot.**

**This agreement is valid for one calendar year from January 1 through December 31. If you receive a plot anytime during the year, the agreement is still only valid through December 31 of that year.**

If a plot is not available, your application will be placed on a waiting list.

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Plot Owner(s) Name:

Others Working in Plot (Names):

Mailing Address:

Street Address (if different from above):

Email Address:

Work Phone:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Emergency Contact:

Cell Phone:

Home Phone:

Plot Preference 1 (see map):

Plot Preference 2 (see map):

Gardening Experience (please explain if yes):

KFPB USE  
ONLY

Date Assigned	
Plot Number	

**Plots are assigned on a first-come basis.**



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### LIABILITY RELEASE STATEMENT

The undersigned (and family members listed on the application), in consideration of being granted a plot in the Community Garden Program, hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Fort Pierce, Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency and all affiliated organizations that are partners with or supporting the Community Garden Program from any and all claims resulting from any injury, sickness, loss or affiliation which may occur while engaged in any Community Garden activity.

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

### AGREEMENT

I have read the Community Garden Rules and Liability Release Statement. By this application, I agree to comply by the Community Garden Rules and Responsibilities. I understand that failure to comply with the rules and responsibilities will result in the cancellation of my application and/or termination of my plot as determined by the Community Garden Program. I understand that any person assisting me in my plot is also required to sign this agreement. Family members are listed in my application and they must also abide by these rules.

### TERMINATION

Inspections will be conducted by the site coordinator. If dead vegetation and/or weeds become prevalent in the plot or other rules are not being followed, the site coordinator will notify the plot owner in person, by telephone or by email. After attempts to contact the plot owner have failed for 3 days, a letter will be sent to the plot owner. The plot owner will be given 10 days in which to comply to the satisfaction of the site coordinator. A final warning letter will then be sent to the plot owner advising him/her they have 7 days in which to comply. If the plot owner does not comply within the allotted 7 days, this agreement will be terminated. **Once a plot owner's agreement has been terminated, the plot owner may not reapply for a garden plot.**

This Agreement is not transferable. When the plot owner stops gardening, the plot owner will notify the site coordinator and the plot will revert to the **City of Fort Pierce** control. If the plot owner removes all vegetation in the plot before leaving, they will be allowed to apply for future plots. The plot owner is not authorized to turn over his/her plot to another person.

I agree to all of the above Rules on this application.

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

Changes to this agreement may be made by the City of Fort Pierce at any time.



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**In order to have an orderly garden that all can be proud of and is fair to all plot owners, the following rules must be followed. Failure to do so will result in the termination of your contract.**

- ◆ Plot owners are required to work their garden plot and keep weeds controlled in it and the communal areas around it. The plot is to be kept free of litter.
- ◆ Hours spent tending the garden by the plot owner or secondary owners must be recorded weekly. Failure to do so will be grounds for termination. If the plot owner is to be away for an extended period of time, the plot owner is responsible for insuring that someone else will be tending the plot and communal areas around it while they are gone unless other arrangements have been made with the site coordinator.
- ◆ Each plot owner is required to participate in at least 1 work party during each 12-month agreement period. Work parties will be held periodically on Saturdays or Sundays. Work parties are an opportunity for gardeners to team up in order to clean and weed common areas, repair equipment, etc. Work party schedules will be posted on the bulletin board. Gardener agrees to check the bulletin board to confirm the work party schedule and check for any revisions to the work party schedule.
- ◆ Garden hours are the same as park hours (sunrise to sunset). Park rules must be followed.
- ◆ No synthetic insecticides are allowed. Soap and oil sprays are all that is needed to control insects. Sometimes just a strong spray of water will knock them off.
- ◆ Removing vegetables from another gardener's plot without their permission is not allowed.
- ◆ Do not plant any illegal plants.
- ◆ Smoking, drinking of alcohol, illegal drugs and gambling is prohibited in the garden and will be grounds for immediate termination of contract.
- ◆ After using tools from the shed, return them to the shed in a good clean condition and store them neatly in their proper location. Help to keep the shed clean and orderly. Always lock the shed before leaving the garden.
- ◆ Do not leave water on/in hoses; release all the water when finished. Coil the hose on a holder or on the ground when finished. Water restrictions shall be observed. Restrictions set by the SFWMD [http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xrepository/sfwmd\\_repository\\_pdf/year\\_round\\_3days\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/xrepository/sfwmd_repository_pdf/year_round_3days_schedule.pdf).
- ◆ Do not tell anyone the combination to the locks except those authorized to tend your plot.
- ◆ Plot owners are responsible for all of their personal equipment or items brought into the garden. City of Fort Pierce assumes no liability for personal items left in the garden.
- ◆ The plot owner is responsible for planting and maintaining his/her plot within 14 days of being assigned a plot.
- ◆ Invasive plants (as listed in the IFAS Assessment) are not allowed.
- ◆ Plot owners shall exhibit no provocative, inflammatory or belligerent behavior/actions while at or near the garden site.
- ◆ City of Fort Pierce assumes no liability for injuries or accidents (see Liability Release Statement).
- ◆ To report hazards or problems, call the site coordinator or City of Fort Pierce at 467-3000.
- ◆ I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

I agree to all of the above Rules on this application.

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

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