



Green Urban Initiative

2016 Gardener Terms & Conditions

The terms and conditions outlined below are designed to protect the time and energy invested by each gardener, respect each of our garden landowners and neighbors, and to ensure the success of each GUI garden. As a registered gardener, you are agreeing to strictly abide by these terms and conditions. Any violation of these terms and conditions may result in plot revocation without refund.

As a GUI gardener, I pledge to act as a responsible steward of my community garden and abide by - and maybe even improve upon! - the following code of conduct.

All gardeners are encouraged to hold their fellow gardeners to the terms and conditions outlined in this document. Any violation of these terms and conditions should be reported to the Garden Coordinator for follow-up.

Plot lease fees & Renewal

Plots consist of four foot by eight foot raised beds and may be leased for \$10 a year. Gardeners may lease a maximum of two plots per year.

Plot leases run from March 1st through December 31st. All plots shall be emptied of all plant material and gardening materials prior to December 31st unless the gardener intends to continue gardening through the winter. Any gardener wishing to continue gardening through the winter months may renew their plot lease for the following year, prior to December 31st. All gardeners, in good standing, who declined to renew their plot lease for winter gardening will be provided with two weeks at the beginning of March to renew their plots for the following season. After March 15th, all unclaimed garden plots will be opened up to new participants.

Garden Maintenance

Plot Maintenance and Upkeep

Gardeners are required to keep their plots clean and free of weeds and debris including dead plant material. Plots should be tended to weekly at a minimum. It is the

gardener's responsibility to seek assistance if they are unable to keep up with maintenance. GUI reserves the right to revoke gardening privileges for gardeners whose plots are left untended. GUI has established the following three step process to dealing with neglect within the garden:

1. The Garden Coordinator shall notify any gardener whose plot they feel has been neglected and shall offer assistance in helping to clean it up.
2. If assistance has been declined and no effort has been made to clean up the plot within one week of the issue being brought to the gardener's attention, the Garden Coordinator shall report the issue to the Garden Program Director for follows up.
3. GUI's Garden Program Director will follow up with the gardener in violation, provide a reminder of the Plot Maintenance and Upkeep policy and ask the gardener to rectify the situation immediately.
4. If another week has passed and again no effort has been made to clean up their plot, GUI will revoke the gardening privileges of the gardener in violation. The lease will be terminated and the plot will become available to the first individual on the waiting list. If a waiting list has not been established, the plot will be turned over for community food production.

Common Area Maintenance and Group Participation

In an effort to encourage group participation within each garden including the maintenance of common areas, GUI is requiring each gardener to attend at least three garden events throughout the year. Garden Coordinators shall plan and schedule a minimum of six garden events spaced throughout the gardening year with input from the garden members. The Garden Event schedule shall be presented to each gardener early in the season to allow for members to plan participation. Garden Events may consist of but are not limited to seasonal kickoff meetings, social gatherings, group work days, potlucks, and seasonal celebrations. A combination of social and work based events should be scheduled. Failure of any gardener to attend the minimum number of garden events required may result in loss of gardening privileges.

Herbicide, Pesticide, and Fertilizer

The use of synthetic and broad spectrum pesticides and herbicides is forbidden within all GUI gardens. The use of natural and/or organic products is acceptable, provided that the applicator adheres strictly to the product's label directions. Any questions regarding the acceptability of a certain product should be directed to the Garden Program Director.

Compost Bins

Compost bins are considered part of the common area of the garden and as such, they are responsibility of all gardeners collectively. Gardeners shall abide by any sides posted around the bins as well any instructional material provided by GUI. Depositing food waste in an active compost bin is acceptable; however food waste should be buried to a minimum twelve inch depth. Leaves, shredded paper or another source of carbon should be stockpiled and always available to accommodate food waste.

Water Vessels

The use of personal rainwater collectors is acceptable within the garden but all vessels must be covered with mosquito proof netting. Open water vessels create a breeding ground for mosquitoes which can quickly become a nuisance to fellow gardeners and could spread potentially deadly diseases. Any buckets or vessels left open and uncovered should immediately be emptied and stored in a manner that will prevent them from collecting water.

Personal Gardening Equipment

The storage of personal gardening tools within the garden is acceptable, provided that the tool is small enough to be stored tidily within your plot. Items such as trellises and personal plot fencing are also acceptable but should be removed at the end of lease agreement. Any questions regarding the storage of large tools or personal items within the garden should be directed to the Garden Coordinator

Gardening Companions

Visitors are welcome with the garden, provided that that are accompanied by a gardener. If any gardener wishes to make arrangements for another individual to tend to their plots for a period of time, notification should be given to the Garden Coordinator. Children are welcome within the garden, provided that they accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. The admission of pets into a garden is up to the discretion of each individual garden. Any pet entering a garden must be supervised and cleaned up after without exception.

Alcohol and Illegal Substances

Alcohol and illegal substances are strictly prohibited from GUI gardens.