

Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield

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ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT FOR MAIN GARDEN

ELIGIBILITY

To obtain a plot, the individuals or family must become a member of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield.

The **membership fees** are: Adult - \$10; Student or Senior - \$5; Family - \$15.00. The **plot fee** is \$15 for one year.

(NEW) Plot holders are asked to provide about 3 hours per month of volunteer support. **You will meet the coordinator and sign up for a specific team.** Each team will help with maintenance of the Farm. For example, one team will weed paths, another team will ensure that there is water in the barrels, another will weed specific plots in the market garden. Help is also need in supporting programs, set up for events, and with the market garden sales.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLOT-HOLDERS

1. I/We agree to **begin cultivating our plot** at the beginning of the Urban Farm's growing season, or within two weeks of receiving a plot. I/We will make other arrangements with the Garden Coordinator if I/We cannot meet this requirement.

2. I/We agree to **maintain our plot** well, including weeding at least once every week beginning from when the garden is planted until it is put to bed for the winter. I/We agree to let the Garden Coordinator know when and if I/We cannot meet these requirements, so that I/We might have assistance arranging a trade of my maintenance duties with another plot-holder.

3. I/We agree to **visit our plot only during daylight hours**, between May 1st and the end of October. I am/We are aware that access to shed and the tools is only possible when someone is present who has been given responsibility for the shed. This could be staff, a board member or other designated individual. The staff schedule will be provided to plot holders at the beginning of the gardening season.

4. I/We agree to use only **organic growing techniques**. In order to maintain UFMSS's growing standards and to allow seed-saving, I/We agree to use only non-hybrid seeds provided by UFMSS. If I/We want to use other seeds, I/We agree to first get permission from the Garden Coordinator. I/We also agree not to use any artificial fertilizers, herbicides, or noxious pesticides. I/We am aware that I/We can ask for information and guidance in dealing with problems.

5. I/We agree **not to cultivate noxious or illegal plants** on our allotment, and I/We agree not to plant anything that will cast shade onto another plot or invade another plot.

6. I/We agree to **clear tools from the field after use**, clean them, and store them where they belong in the shed. I/We am aware that this is a safety measure and maintains the UFMSS Tool Bank for all plot-holders.

(NEW) 7. I/We agree to **abide by the policies and regulations** of the Urban Farm Museum Society of Spryfield. (Policies and regulations are available from the Coordinator or any Board Member.

8. I/We agree to **keep the garden as a garbage-free zone**, and to take home any packaging, bottles, plastic containers etc. that we bring to the site.

9. I/We agree **not to smoke on the site**.

10. For dog owners: I/We agree to **keep my dog on a leash** and pick up & remove its excrement from the site.

11. I/We agree to **secure all garden gates** before I/We leave the site, to prevent deer from entering the garden and eating the plants.

12. I/We agree **not to trespass into the yard of 62 Rockingstone Road** (private property).

13. I/We understand that my **plot is assigned for one growing season** only.

14. I/We understand that **if I/We abandon our plot** and do not respond to email or phone calls within 15 days, the produce in my allotment will be harvested and distributed.

15. I/We understand that **the Urban Farm is primarily a teaching garden** and not a community garden. This means that Urban Farm program participants will also use gardening space.

_____ & _____ (Initials) I/We HAVE READ all the conditions above and I/We AGREE to abide by them.

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RIGHTS OF PLOTHOLDERS

1. The needs of each plot holder will be discussed prior to plot assignment in order to find a well matched location.
2. The Society's Tool Bank will be available for plot holders to use on a sign-up basis. The Tool Bank is available when a staff member or substitute is at the garden site.
3. Water for garden beds will be available from the water barrels. (Staff and volunteers will keep water barrels filled and will provide information on how to use water wisely in the garden).
4. Gardeners can participate in the Come Grow With Us lessons given on Tuesday evening.

WAIVER

Plot-holder gardeners and their guests enter the Urban Farm Museum site and use the Tool Bank at their own risk. The Urban Farm Museum Society of SpryField, its agents and assigns, are not responsible for any injury which plot-holders or their guests may incur on the site, or as a result of cultivation or other activities on the site, or use of the Tool Bank.

Plot Holder Name(s) (printed):

Plot Holder Signature(s):.....

Street Address:.....

..... Postal Code.....

Telephone: (home)..... (cell)..... (work).....

Email:

UFMSS Representative (printed):

Signature for UFMSS:.....

Date:.....