

Frisco Family Services Community Garden 2009 Adopt-a-Plot Agreement

Terms of Agreement for Adopting a Plot:

1. Frisco Family Services Center (FFSC) community garden is a donation garden. We will provide the garden plot, water, access to tools, mulch, compost, gardening information and a selection of seeds.
2. Gardeners will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot(s). Planting, watering, weeding, as well as maintaining it in production during the growing season, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are the sole responsibility of the gardener for their allotted plot(s).
3. FFSC will harvest bi-weekly on Monday and Wednesday. Produce is open to gardeners on Saturday to harvest from their individual plot(s).
4. Youth participation is encouraged with adult guidance. Children are welcome in the garden, but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times
5. Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims and pay an annual non-refundable \$20.00 fee per raised-garden bed to FFSC before any work in the garden can be performed.
6. FFSC oversees the community garden. The volunteer community supervisor will oversee and assist new gardeners, report maintenance issues, support gardeners with supplies, check garden plots for compliance with guidelines, and will be available to help resolve problems.
7. Meeting dates and times will be announced, and gardeners are encouraged to attend and to bring issues forward to the group to resolve.
8. The application of herbicides (weed killers) and pesticides in the community garden is prohibited.
9. Available plots shall be given to new gardeners before being offered to an existing gardener. Garden plots will be assigned in a lottery fashion. New gardeners will start with one plot their first year. If a plot becomes available during the second year, and no garden applicants are on the wait list, a gardener may request an additional plot provided they have shown that they are committed to the goals of the garden, donate food, keep their current plot producing, remove weeds, and share in the common work. The maximum allowance of garden plots by one family or group is up to two plots.
10. Gardeners must adhere to the guidelines as stated to continue to garden their adopted plot(s). Gardeners will be contacted in the event of a grievance stating a specified time to adhere. If the gardener does not adhere, then the adopted plot(s) will be reassigned through a general lottery of the individuals on the community garden wait list.

Please read the following guidelines carefully and agree to adhere to them by signing in the space provided below.

The FFSC's Community Garden Adopt-a-Plot Participant will:

- ☞ Continuously produce and donate vegetables, fruits, and companion plants by succession planting, mulching all soil with organic matter, weeding weekly and using proper watering techniques. Never have bare soil. During winter, completely mulch plot(s) soil and/or plant a cover crop.
- ☞ Commit and participate in sharing common chores. Support and participate in the self-management of your respective garden.
- ☞ Only work in other gardeners' plots if you have permission by that gardener.
- ☞ Record all volunteer hours and email them at the end of each month to FFSC Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@friscocenter.org.
- ☞ Strive to learn and use organic gardening methods to produce more disease resistant and pest free plants, and more nutritious fruits and vegetables.
- ☞ Respect neighboring plots by keeping your vines and shade from tall plants or trellis within your plot borders.
- ☞ Keep areas litter, tobacco, alcohol, and drug free.
- ☞ Pets are not allowed. Never compost dog and cat feces.
- ☞ If, for any reason (health, issues, work), you cannot maintain your plot or have a grievance with others, inform your garden club representative or FFSC Volunteer Coordinator after taking steps to resolve it yourself.

Adhere to these guidelines. Consequences will be enforced as follows:

One warning will be given. Gardeners forfeit their right to their plot(s) if they do not adhere to the guidelines within the specified time.

I, _____, agree to adhere to all guidelines as stated above to garden a Frisco Family Services Garden plot. I agree to follow all guidelines set forth.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

**Frisco Family Services Community Garden
Adopt-a-Plot Registration**

(please circle one)

New Gardener

Renewing Gardener

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

_____ I give permission to release to the media any photographs taken of myself or my family at the garden.

List others who will be working with you on your plot: _____

Survey: Which areas motivate you to participate in the community garden?

_____ Donation to food pantry _____ Social
_____ Garden Education _____ Exercise
_____ Community Service _____ Other:(please list) _____

How do you plan to stay committed to the community garden and sustain a plot for a year?

Frisco Family Services Center Community Garden Use:

Garden Plot # _____

Start Date: _____

Paid Processing Fee: Y / N

Release of All Claims

I, _____, am a voluntary participant in the Frisco Family Services Center Community Garden Project ("Community Garden"). As an express condition to being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am fully aware of the risks and hazards associated with participating in the Community Garden. I assume responsibility for all such risks and hazards, including any loss, cost, or damage that may result from any accident, injury, illness, or death to me or another person, or any damage to or loss of any property owned by me or another person.

2. I hereby fully and finally release and forever discharge Frisco Family Services Center, the Frisco Garden Club, the City of Frisco, the other Community Garden volunteers and gardeners, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents, of and from all claims, suits, demands, and actions whatsoever, including but not limited to those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of or resulting from my participation in the Community Garden. I understand that this release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any accident, injury, illness, or death to me or another person, or any damage to or loss of any property owned by me or another person arising out of or resulting from my participation in the Community Garden.

3. I agree to abide by all of the rules or guidelines of the Community Garden that are given to me now or in the future. I understand that my right to participate in the Community Garden may be revoked by the Frisco Family Services Center at any time and for any reason.

I represent and certify that I am at least 18 years old, have carefully read this document in its entirety, and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and I am voluntarily signing it of my own free will.

Participant's Signature _____

Participant's Printed Name _____ Date _____

I represent and certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the Participant whose name appears above, have carefully read this document in its entirety, and fully understand its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and I am voluntarily signing it of my own free will as parent or legal guardian of the Participant.

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name _____ Date _____