

First Baptist Church Plano Community Garden 2014 Adopt-a-Plot Agreement

Terms of Agreement for Adopt-a-Plot and Share the Harvest:

1. The First Baptist Church Plano Community Garden will provide the garden plot, water, access to tools, mulch, compost, amendments, and gardening information. Seeds and some transplants may be provided at cost, when available.
2. Signups will occur twice annually. The first signup will be January 1 through January 31 for spring gardening. Possession will be February 1 through August 31. The fall term signup will be August 1 through August 31 for the fall garden. Possession will be September 1 through January 31. Plots will be “Grandfathered” so you can keep your plot if you garden both spring and fall.
3. Gardeners will:
 - a) Plant their plots with vegetables throughout the growing season.
 - b) Water as necessary.
 - c) Weed their plots AND the walkways around their plots. Keep walkways clear around their plots.
 - d) Learn and use only organic gardening methods.
 - e) Harvest their produce.
 - f) Participate in the assigned community chores necessary to maintain the garden.
 - g) Complete the attached registration form and background form and return them to the FBC Plano Administrator.
 - h) If you are unable to do the physical labor of specific duties, notify the garden leader so other assignments can be made.
- 3.5. Gardeners will be divided into small groups and garden chores will be assigned by these groups as to minimize the number of weeks each gardener has garden chore duty. Picking a group leader is encouraged. If your schedule doesn't permit this, please arrange for another gardener to do your garden duty chores or inform the garden leader.
4. Gardeners should donate the MAJORITY of their weekly produce for the designated food pantry pick-up. All gardeners will be assigned harvest duty. The optimum time for harvest is Saturday morning before 10:00 a.m. so the produce can be delivered to a food pantry in time for Saturday's distribution. If your schedule doesn't permit this, please arrange for another gardener to do your harvest duty or inform the garden leader.
5. If, for any reason (health, issues, work) you cannot maintain your plot or have a grievance with others, inform your garden leader after taking steps to resolve it yourself.

6. Available plots shall be given to new gardeners before being given to an existing gardener when someone cannot maintain their plot. New gardeners will start with one plot their first term. The maximum allowance of garden plots by one family or group is two plots.
7. The FBC Garden Team Leader and designated leaders oversee the gardens. The garden leaders will assign plots, assist new gardeners, report maintenance issues, check supplies, ensure community chores are being done, check garden plots for compliance with agreement terms and be available to resolve problems. The garden leader meetings are open to all gardeners.
8. Gardeners must adhere to the terms stated above to continue to garden their adopted plot(s). The garden leader will contact the gardener of a grievance and work to resolve it within a specified time. If the grievance remains, then the garden leader and Garden Team Leader may revoke the plot assignment.
9. The garden duty chore list will be posted on the garden bulletin board. A log will be located in the tool shed for each gardener to initial, after the work is completed.
10. A log will also be located in the tool shed for recording donated vegetables and the weight that is sent to a food pantry. A list of local pantries and hours of operation will be in the front of the log.
11. There will be a general gardeners meeting at the beginning of each season to sign up, have fellowship and do training.
12. There will be two general work days per season, one early and one late for general garden maintenance.

