

# Tualatin Community Garden (TCG) Contract - Information

**Please note: that this is not an official form and is for information only.**

## **Garden Policies**

Our goal is to make our garden (TCG) a place where its members can grow and enjoy their plots. We wish to make our garden a place of beauty for the community so the following policies will be enforced:

- 1.) Keep your plot and the area around it (at least a foot outside your bed) weed-free, so seeds don't spread to other garden plots. Plants need to be kept within the boundary of your plot and paths kept clear for hoses and other gardeners.
- 2.) Plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots. Corn may only be grown with permission from the Tualatin Community Garden (TCG) team leader. There are no height restrictions of trellises, at this time. However, suggested height should be less than five feet. If your plants do shade other garden plots, you will be notified and required to make corrections, such as trimming back, moving or removing.
- 3.) We encourage only organic products. Do not use fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots. If you feel you need to use something non-organic, please check with the TCG team leader.
- 4.) The fee for your garden plot is due with this signed contract and waiver form. Do not send in the contract, if you have not been contacted that a plot is available. Fees are per growing season, and per plot to help cover garden expenses.
- 5.) When your garden plot is assigned, it must be cultivated or some planting done before May 1. If your plot becomes unkempt, a one weeks' notice will be given to clean it up, after that the plot will be reassigned or go back to TCG.
- 6.) Conserve water by using watering cans or spray nozzles on the hoses. Do not let water run unattended. Keep hoses from crossing over other garden plots. When done using, release the pressure from the hose, after turning off the water at the spigot. Coil hoses at the faucet site after using.
- 7.) Each gardener has a one foot box in the storage shed, labeled with their plot number. It is for storage of your personal items in the shed. DO NOT use items from another gardener's box without their permission. Other items in the shed are for communal use, unless marked otherwise. Communal items are not to be put in your box. Communal tools must be kept on the premises. Tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage shed after use. The code for the shed door must not be given out to anyone other than tenants of the garden.
- 8.) Pets must be leashed when in the garden and kept out of garden plots. Pick up after your pet and take any pet waste off the church property. Do not dispose of pet waste in the compost pile or waste containers.
- 9.) DO NOT dispose of household trash at TCG. DO NOT place plant matter in the waste containers by the shed. You must place plant matter in the compost pile behind the shed. DO NOT put anything but vegetation, plants and leaves from TCG in the compost pile behind the shed. Rinse and place empty plant pots in the designated recycle container, (not waste container) by the shed, as these can be recycled. You must remove all BROKEN trellises, cages, ornaments, borders, etc. from the premises. If they are in good, usable condition, and you no longer want them, place them on the north side of the shed for others to use. If they are unmarked, it will be assumed they are there for other's use.
- 10.) Five hours of volunteer service to the garden are required during the months of April - September. That is less than 15 minutes per week, or less than an hour per month and is on an honor system. This will involve mostly weeding the common areas of the garden, but other ideas/needs will be posted or emailed as needed. This does not include planned workdays, gardening your own plot, or tending another person's plot. Gardeners are expected to attend scheduled workdays.
- 11.) If you must abandon your plot for any reason, please notify the TCG team leader, and make sure you remove your personal items from the shed. You may not transfer your plot to someone else without the permission of the team leader.

12.) DO NOT take anything out of another gardener's plot without their prior permission.

I use this garden at the sole discretion of Tualatin Community Garden (TCG) and Boones Ferry Community Church and agree to abide by its policies and practices. Failure to follow these policies may result in my plot being reassigned.