

Ascension Harvest of Hope Community Garden Membership Agreement and Application

Please complete and return the application to the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 8787 Greenville Ave., Dallas Tx. 75243, or email to Garden Chair Diane Haack dkhaack51@gmail.com.

Plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis within the community and Ascension church. Gardeners may rent a whole or a half bed, \$70 or \$35 per year. The Annual fee is due by February 1 of each year.

Date_____

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email address_____

Are you a member of Ascension Church?_____

Are you planning on sharing your plot with another gardeners, and if so please give that persons name_____

Have you been a member of a community garden before, and if so what garden?

Are you a beginner, intermediate, or expert gardener?_____

Gardeners are expected to volunteer at least 4 hours a month to this garden as a whole, other than your own plot, either by working in the donation beds, the pathways between the beds, or other designated work that is needed.

All potential gardeners will be interviewed by the Garden Chair. If you have questions, please contact Garden Chair Diane Haack. 214.642.6277, dkhaack51@gmail.com

Membership Agreement And Rules of Use

Garden Mission Statement: The Ascension Community Garden is an outreach of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Dallas, Texas. We have transformed a portion of the church's property into a garden that includes community plots and individual plots. The garden produces food for local food banks and other charitable organizations in our community and offers community members and church members the opportunity to grow their own crops.

Garden Membership:

1. The Garden Chair will determine the percentage of plots reserved for church members, and for community members by Jan 1 of each year. When you receive a plot, it will be "clean", and must be returned in the same condition.
2. Gardeners need to pay fee by Feb 1, or make other arrangements with the Garden Chair in order to keep the same plot. Planting must be done by the first week of April, and October.
3. Gardeners may have only one plot per person/family. If you desire additional, please contact the Garden Chair. Exceptions can be made.
4. ONLY ORGANIC fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides may be used. The use of chemicals will warrant expulsion. If you have any doubt as to what is acceptable, contact the Garden Chair.
5. Gardener is responsible for tending, weeding, and keeping their own plot, AND the pathways surrounding at all times. Failure to keep your plot in good condition will result in forfeiture.
6. Growing or using illegal substances is prohibited, and gardener subject to expulsion.
7. No perennials, unless approved by Garden Chair
8. Water use: Valves are kept off, as are spigots. Turn valve on, then spigot on, and do reverse. These MUST be followed carefully, as the water is part of the church campus.
9. Gardeners are encouraged to tithe 10% of what they grow to the Food pantry. In addition, work days are not required, but strongly encouraged.
10. No power tools are allowed. Tools will be available for use in the shed. Please return and lock shed when finished.
11. No large gatherings without permission, but friends and family are welcome as long as you clean up and no plots are disturbed.
12. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
13. If circumstances are such that you cannot tend your plot for a time, please let the Garden chair know if you need help from other gardeners, or if you wish to ask a friend to help, let the Garden Chair know the name and contact information of that person.
14. DO NOT PICK OR TAKE ANYTHING FROM ANY PLOT OTHER THAN YOUR OWN, UNLESS YOU ARE GIVEN SPECIFIC PERMISSION BY THE PERSON TO WHOM THAT PLOT IS ASSIGNED. ALSO, ONLY WATER YOUR OWN PLOT!!

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read this Membership Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms. This Membership Agreement is not assignable by Applicant/Member.

Agreed and Accepted this _____ day of _____ 20____.

By: _____
Signature of Applicant

Print Name _____

Home Address _____

Primary Contact number: _____

Email address: _____

Governing Law—State of Texas

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any action or proceeding shall lie exclusively in Dallas County, Texas.

No Property Interest

The Gardener understands and agrees that the permitted use of the garden does not convey or grant to the gardener any property interest or other rights in the property and the Gardener's use is at all times subject to permission granted by the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and these Rules of Use and Membership Agreement.

Hold Harmless Provision

THE APPLICANT, UPON ACCEPTANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY GARDEN, HEREBY AGREES TO FOLLOW THE RULES OF USE AND AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION AND THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF DALLS AND ITS AFFILIATED ENTITIES FOR ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, INJURIES, DAMAGES, LOSSES, OR CLAIMS WHATSOEVER ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICANT'S USE OF THE ASCENSION COMMUNITY GARDEN.