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**EXTENSION**

## **Grand Community Garden – Participant Agreement**

**I understand and agree to the following:**

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### **1) Application Provisions**

- Contact the site coordinator before signing up to make sure there are beds available.
- In the following order: contact the site coordinator, complete an application, and pay bed fees prior to using my assigned garden bed(s).
- I understand that failure to complete the above steps prior to paying means I will not receive a refund if no beds are available.

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### **2) Garden Bed Assignment Provisions**

#### **Your Plot**

- Plant my bed by **July 1st**, or I forfeit the use of it and my fees.
- Only **annual plants** are allowed. Perennials may be allowed with site coordinator approval and must be removed at the end of the year. Trees are not allowed.
- Clean up my bed(s) by **October 15th**, including removal of plant material and weeds.
- Keep my garden and surrounding areas maintained throughout the season. Walking paths must remain free of obstruction. Weeds are to be removed by pulling or using organic mulches rather than herbicides, unless approved by the Grand Community Gardens Advisory Committee.
- Harvest only vegetables or flowers I have planted unless invited by another gardener.
- Manure aged less than one year and not approved by the site coordinator is not permitted. Commercially processed compost and other soil amendments are allowed without approval.
- Seek approval from the site coordinator prior to using mechanical tillers.
- If I wish to retain the same bed and plant winter crops, I may do so provided I have been in good standing.
- Previous gardeners may receive priority to retain their garden beds.



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### Your Behavior

- Refrain from illegal activity on the Grand Community Garden (GCG) site.
- Work collaboratively with the site coordinator and other gardeners; discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated.
- The following are strictly prohibited when interacting with fellow gardeners, community members, CSU Extension Staff, or other parties involved in the gardens:
  - Obscene or racist comments
  - Personal attacks, harassment, insults, or threatening language
  - Profane language or content
  - Engaging in disruptive or unsafe behavior that disturbs others in the garden
  - Sexual misconduct
  - Other behaviors or actions that a reasonable person would deem inconsiderate
- Follow the CSU Principles of Community:  
<https://inclusiveexcellence.colostate.edu/resources/principles-of-community/>
- Lock the gate when leaving the garden.
- Do not store personal tools or equipment at the garden. Return shared tools to designated storage areas.
- Fully supervise any children I bring to the garden.
- Guests must follow all agreements and expectations.
- Keep pets outside the garden fence unless approved by the respective site coordinator.

### Our Expectations

- If my bed is left untended, I will receive a notice by mail or email that I am not in compliance. If the garden does not meet GCG standards within two weeks, I will receive final notification that my garden bed and privileges have been forfeited. My bed(s) will then revert to GCG use, and no refunds will be issued.
- Volunteer **2 hours per month** (May 15 – October 15) or a total of 10 hours throughout the season.



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- Log volunteer hours and information about materials added to my bed if requested by the site coordinator.
- Allow GCG to use photos for promotional purposes. Promotional materials are used solely to increase awareness of services offered by GCG, an educational organization with a mission to enrich the lives of Grand County citizens through education and the opportunity to grow one's own food.
- CSU and/or the Grand Community Gardens Advisory Committee retain the right to deny access to the gardens at any time.

**I understand that failure to follow any of the above expectations may result in:**

- **First offense:** Written warning
- **Second offense:** Final notification; assigned garden bed(s) and privileges will be removed. Members have two weeks to remove any plants or items. Failure to remove items within two weeks will result in forfeiture.

**Additionally, failure to comply with the expectations, agreements, and principles of community may result in:**

- Disqualification from participation in future Grand Community Gardens or events.
- Citation or arrest for criminal trespass if entering or remaining on property after permission has been withdrawn. This will be handled by local law enforcement, not the GCG Advisory Committee.

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