

2018 Resurrection (RLC) Community Garden Guidelines

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REGISTRATION:

- *Registration will begin on Sunday, April 8th at 9 am. After that applications are available during church office hours (9-5) or via the website www.resurrection-mn.com. Applications must be completed and turned or sent in to church office personnel with full payment to be considered for a plot.*
- *Priority will be on a first come basis.*
- *Each household will be allowed to reserve one (1) plot in advance of May 2, 2018.*
- *Indicate your interest in an additional plot on the registration form.*
- *On May 2, 2018 all remaining garden plots will be available with a limit of one (1) per household.*

GARDEN CANCELLATIONS:

- *If you decide not to use your garden plot, please contact Cheri Affeldt at (763) 234-2533 immediately so plots can be reassigned.*
- *Fees will be refunded if the plot is reserved by another gardener before May 12th.*

RENTAL PROVISIONS & PLOT SIZES:

- *The rental fee for a single garden plot is \$25 for a 15'x20' plot and \$20 for a 15'x15' plot. Only one (1) plot can be reserved until after May 2nd.*

OPENING DATE:

- *The tentative opening date is May 12, 2018, weather permitting.*

- *Households will be notified by email when the garden officially opens.*

GARDEN NEWS & INFORMATION:

- *Email will be the preferred method of communication to all households. Only those without email addresses will be contacted in another manner.*
- *If you have questions or concerns regarding your garden plot, it is your responsibility to email Cheri at bcgabe@tds.net or call 763-234-2533.*

GARBAGE

- *Weeds: Please use the wagon to haul weeds to the large dumpster south of the garage.*
- *Recyclables: Please bring home with you to recycle or put in the recycling container south of the garage.*
- *Other garbage: Please take home with you or put in the dumpster south of the garage.*

WATER & HOSES:

- *Water spigots and hoses are provided by the church.*
- *One set of spray nozzles will be provided.*

SAFETY & COURTESY:

- *Each gardener is asked to be respectful of other gardens & gardeners.*
- *Do not allow vine crops to extend beyond the boundaries of your plot.*
- *Return hoses in a uniform manner to hangers.*
- *Children must be supervised.*
- *Pets are not allowed.*
- *Use cultivation or mulches to control weeds, not chemicals.*

TRAPS:

- *No traps are allowed.*

- *Notify Cheri if there is a critter problem- we can't guarantee we can control God's critters.*

ORGANIC VS. NON-ORGANIC GARDENING PRACTICES:

- *Individuals are allowed to practice whichever method they prefer, but be conscious of your impact on neighboring plots.*
- *Weeding should be done WEEKLY so weeds are not allowed to reseed.*
- *RLC does try to monitor the garden for nutrients and may add base nutrients if deemed necessary in the spring.*

GARDEN NEGLECT & WEED CONTROL:

- *Each gardener is responsible for weeding and maintenance of their plot(s).*
- *Gardens and pathways must be kept free of weeds.*
- *If any garden has not been planted by June 9th and the gardener has not made provisions with Cheri to extend the deadline, those plots will be reassigned to another gardener (no refund).*

- *RLC Community will inspect all gardens regularly to ensure compliance.*
- *Gardeners not performing maintenance will be notified to rectify the situation in an agreed-upon time frame. If the issue is not rectified after 2 warnings the garden will be forfeited. The offending gardener will lose gardening privileges for the following year. They will be allowed to return after one(1) year.*

GARDEN CLOSING DATE:

- *Target date for closing is October 6th, weather permitting. Gardeners will be notified of official closing.*
- *Gardeners will need to remove all vegetation and anything else on their plot by the closing date.*
- *Items not claimed will become the property of the church and disposed of as necessary.*
- *There is no priority for 2018 gardeners for the 2019 year - watch for the 2019 registration opportunity in Mar. 2019.*

Renter's Copy
RLC 2018 COMMUNITY GARDEN
RENTAL AGREEMENT/CONDUCT CODE

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare the garden plot for planting.
- Stake out each 15' X 20' or 15' X 15' plot and identify all plots by number.
- Make water accessible to gardeners.
- Regularly monitor garden for neglect.

GARDENER RESPONSIBILITIES:

2018 Plot #: _____

Individual Plot Care:

- I will visit my plot at least once a week and harvest regularly.
- I will keep weeds maintained in my plot and in the area around my plot without the use of chemicals.
- I will conserve the use of water and never use a sprinkler unattended. I will use mulch to help reduce evaporation and decrease weed growth.
- I will turn water off completely after each use and properly store the hose when done.
- I will pick only crops from my assigned plot. I will not pick from a neighbor's garden even if I think they have neglected their plot.
- I will not move or adjust the plot markers.
- I will not allow my crop that vine to spread into pathways or other neighboring plots.
- I will clean up and remove all materials from my plot no later than the official garden closing date.

Neighborliness and Common Area Care:

- I will meet and greet all of my fellow gardeners if I can.
- I will not obstruct walkways or create a safety hazard for other gardeners by placing obstructions in the walkways.
- I will not bring my pets to the garden.
- I will not use tobacco or drink alcoholic beverages in the garden.
- I will supervise my children and keep them out of the neighboring plots.
- I will keep trash and litter picked up in my plot and the general area.
- I will harvest my own plot.
- I will clean tools and carts after use and return them to the shed.
- I will not drive a motorized vehicle in the garden area.
- I will not play loud music or use foul language in the garden area.

Resurrection Lutheran Church does not assume responsibility for acts vandalism or loss of crops due to thefts. I agree to abide by these conditions set forth for the Community Gardener. I will attend an orientation to the garden if offered to insure good communication and partnership.

I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the garden group, the Resurrection Lutheran Church and owners of the land for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests.