

APPLICATION FOR ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

Those who till the earth feel a close communion with God. As gardeners we welcome the opportunity to grow in our relationship with God, and the fruit of our labors yields food for our tables and a closer relationship with our neighbors in this community endeavor. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church offers the use of land and sponsors the Community Garden to build relationships with and meet the needs of our surrounding community.

A **fee** of \$10 is charged for each plot and is limited to four plots per individual or family. The fees help cover the costs for maintaining and operating the garden. Additional plots may be assigned if there are unassigned plots after all requests have been met. Scholarships are available for anyone in need of financial assistance.

Garden Community participants are asked to be good stewards of their plots and to comply with the following policies.

I AGREE TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

- ☼ Weed and keep trash cleared from my plot. I understand that I will be notified if I fail to adequately maintain and care for my plot(s). If care of the plot(s) is not corrected after three weeks, the plot(s) may be re-assigned or tilled in. Fees will not be refunded.
- ☼ Help clear weeds from adjacent paths. If you have an outside plot, you are responsible for keeping the growth of grass or weeds cleared along the perimeter and from under any garden plants that spill over the outside boundaries.
- ☼ Do not allow plants to grow over the paths or into a neighbor's plot.
- ☼ Do not plant tall crops that will shade a neighbor's plot and impact the growth of their plants.
- ☼ **OUR GARDEN IS ORGANIC.** Do not use chemical fertilizers, insecticides or herbicides on your plot(s).
- ☼ Harvest only your own crops, unless given permission by another gardener.
- ☼ Donate 10% of your produce to a service organization or, families in need,
- ☼ Do not bring pets into the garden.
- ☼ All gardeners are asked to volunteer in the shared up-keep and operation of the Community Garden, including the Common Ground.
- ☼ Participate in the spring and fall cleanups.
- ☼ Notify the garden manager if you must abandon your plot(s) for any reason.
- ☼ The Garden Manager will control the watering system to provide adequate soil moisture. Do not make adjustments to the sprinklers or timers for the watering system.

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

Please complete the following application form and mail or deliver it to the church office. Plots will be assigned to new garden members based on the date on which their applications are received. If applications are not received from last year's gardeners by March 1, their plots will then be available for reassignment.

Date Received: _____

2010 APPLICATION FORM

Gardener Name(s): _____

Address : Street: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Plots Desired: (Plots are 8' X 8' and are in blocks of four with paths in between)

Number Plots ____ X \$10 = \$ _____

To help us know you better and know your needs, please check any of the blocks below that may apply.

- I am a senior citizen
- I am physically disabled
- I would like to apply for a garden scholarship.

I have read and agree to abide by the policies of the St. Andrew Community Garden.

(Signature)

**Please attach your payment to this application form and mail or deliver it to:
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
180 24th Street West
Billings, MT 59102
656-9256**