

ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY GARDEN

PLOT APPLICATION FORM - 2014

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. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church offers the use of land and sponsors the Community Garden as a way to build relationships with and meet the needs of our surrounding community.

Community Garden 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:

- ☀ I will actively participate in the gardening the Common Ground to raise produce for local service agencies.
- ☀ I will weed and maintain my plot. I understand that if I fail to adequately maintain and care for my plot(s) they may be re-assigned or tilled in. Fees will not be refunded.
- ☀ I will 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.
- ☀ I will not allow plants to grow over the paths or into a neighbor's plot.
- ☀ I will not plant tall crops in a location that will shade a neighbor's plot and impact the growth of their plants.
- ☀ Our garden is organic. I will not use chemical fertilizers, insecticides or herbicides on my plot(s).
- ☀ I will ONLY harvest produce from my own plot(s), unless given permission by another gardener.
- ☀ I will share 10% of my produce with others in need.
- ☀ I will not bring pets into the garden.
- ☀ I will participate in the shared up-keep and operation of the Community Garden.
- ☀ I will participate in garden work days.
- ☀ I will notify the garden manager if I must abandon my plot(s) for any reason.
- ☀ The Garden Manager will control the watering system to provide adequate soil moisture. Please 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.

Plot assignment policy:

- Plots will first be assigned to returning gardeners from 2013, providing that they complied in good faith with the policies listed above. If applications are not received from last year's gardeners by March 1, their plots will then be considered available for reassignment.
- The remaining plots will then be assigned to new garden applicants based on the date on which their applications are received in the church office

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FORM

Date Received: _____

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Gardener Name(s): _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Plots Desired: (Plots are 8' X 8' and are laid out in blocks of four with paths in between the blocks. A maximum of four plots are allowed per individual/family.)

Number Plots ____ X \$10 = \$ _____

Please help us know you better and know your needs by checking any of the blocks below that may apply:

- I am a 4-H or youth gardener under age 18
- I am a senior citizen
- I have physical disabilities that may limit my ability to assist with work in Common Ground

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

(Signature)

**Please retain the first page of this application for your information.
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**