

**ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY GARDEN
PLOT APPLICATION FORM – 2017**

Gardeners are drawn to a deeper relationship with all of creation and by participation in a community garden have an opportunity for a closer relationship with other gardeners in a common endeavor. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church welcomes the opportunity to provide the use of land and to sponsor the St. Andrew Community Garden in meeting the needs of our surrounding community.

A Mission Garden is a special feature of this Community Garden. All gardeners agree to take part in the cultivation of the Mission Garden. The fresh produce is distributed to those in our community who are in need through local service agencies. Gardeners will select crop teams and or activities and will be given specific work assignments. The time required for this work should average an estimated one half hour per week over the gardening season, but will be proportional to the number of plots assigned.

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

AS A MEMBER OF THE GARDEN COMMUNITY I WILL -

- ⊗ **actively participate in the cultivation the Mission Garden.**
- ⊗ **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.**
- ⊗ **notify the Plot Garden Manager if I must abandon my plot(s) for any reason.**
- ⊗ **NOT use any chemical fertilizers, insecticides or herbicides on my plot(s).**
- ⊗ **clear weeds from adjacent paths. If I have an outside plot, I am responsible for keeping the growth of grass or weeds cleared along the perimeter and from under any garden plants that spill outside the perimeter.**
- ⊗ **not allow my plants to grow over the paths or into a neighbor's plot.**
- ⊗ **not plant tall crops that will shade a neighbor's plot or impact the growth of their crops.**
- ⊗ **only harvest produce from my own plot(s), unless given permission by another gardener.**
- ⊗ **not bring pets into the garden.**
- ⊗ **participate in the shared up-keep and operation of the Community Garden, including the Mission Garden and understand that if I fail to fulfill my responsibility to the Mission Garden I will not be assigned a plot the following year.**
- ⊗ **The Garden Committee will control the watering system. I will not make adjustments to the sprinklers or timers for the watering system.**

I understand that neither the Garden Committee nor St. Andrew Presbyterian Church are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to hold harmless the Garden Committee and St. Andrew Presbyterian Church for any liability, damage, loss, or claim that occurs in connection with my use of the garden.

Plot assignment policy:

- **Plots will first be assigned to returning gardeners from 2016, provided that they complied in good faith with the garden policies. 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.**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FORM
(Retain this page for your information.)**

Date Received: _____

2017 APPLICATION FORM

Gardener Name(s): _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

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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 \$15 = \$ _____

Please help us better know you and any special needs:

- I am a returning gardener from 2016
- I am a 4-H or youth gardener under age 18
- I am a senior citizen
- I have physical disabilities or limitations that will limit my ability to assist with work in the Mission Garden.
- I am a beginning gardener and would like to have the support of a mentor.

I have read and agree to abide by the policies of the St. Andrew Community Garden. I acknowledge my commitment to contribute to the cultivation of the Mission 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**