



Contact Information

Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Rules and Guidelines

Please read through, check-off, and sign the document and return to the garden manager by email at gleaning.garden@gmail.com.

Basic Season Schedule

April 15 – November 15	Growing Season (Unless otherwise noted)
April 15	Begin managing weeds
June 1	Garden plants must be in or forfeit garden space
June 1	Plot Fee Due
November 15	Estimated date for official garden cleanup unless otherwise agreed upon or scheduled

Common-plot and Opt-In Garden Plots will be harvested each week on Tuesday afternoon and/or Friday morning. The Garden Manager will communicate this by email.

Plot Assignment and Fee's

- ☐ I understand that plots are assigned by the garden manager and will contact the garden manager (Andrew Fritz at gleaning.garden@gmail.com) if there is a specific plot you would prefer.
- ☐ I will have right of first refusal to my plot for the following season. Plot selection disputes will be settled by seniority first, then by first-come, first serve, basis.
- ☐ I will notify the garden manager (Andrew Fritz at gleaning.garden@gmail.com) if you wish to transfer your garden plot to another gardener.
- ☐ Gardeners can officially garden at The Gleaning Garden after reading and acknowledging this agreement, and after the official 2017 gardening opening of January 1.
- ☐ I agree to pay \$20 to the Gleaning Garden to cover the cost of gardening, tools, and organic matter. This fee also covers the cost of renting the plot. Fee's must be paid by June 1st, 2017

Checks are made payable to The Gleaning Garden. Send checks by mail to:

The Gleaning Garden
1728 Sweet Gum Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Payment can also be made via PayPal to gleaning.garden@gmail.com

Plot Care and Guidelines

- ☐ I am responsible for my plot for the entire growing season.
- ☐ I will keep it weeded throughout the entire growing season.
- ☐ I understand that this is an organic garden; no herbicides, insecticides, or other synthetic fertilizers are allowed unless otherwise agreed upon with the garden manager.
- ☐ I plan to make at least 2 visits/week and spend at least 1 hours/week working (weeding, watering, planting, harvesting, etc.) on your plot.
- ☐ I will maintain the area, including weeds and trash) in the aisles immediately surrounding your plot.
- ☐ If I abandon my garden plot for more than two weeks, without having given prior notice (i.e. vacation, sickness, etc.) to the garden manager, I may lose my plot and plants may be removed.
- ☐ I acknowledge that the season begins April 15 and ends November 15. I understand that season extension (for winter crops like Garlic) is granted and will notify the garden manager if I plan to grow throughout the winter.

Food Donation and Gleaning

- ☐ I understand, by giving my permission below, that I may open my garden to foraging (gleaning) from the public or harvested on a regular basis for food to be donated to the Carmel United Methodist Food Pantry.
- ☐ A sign indicating the intentions of your plot will indicate if it is open or closed.
- ☐ I understand that public gleaners are not allowed to harvest more food from any open plot than what they would use for one meal.
- ☐ I understand that at any time you may close your plot to the public and donation
- ☐ I understand that for open garden plots, any food I want will need to be harvested prior to the weekly harvesting day of Tuesday afternoon.

Safety

- ☐ I understand that the safety of myself and others should be a primary concern.
- ☐ Children under the age of 18 will be supervised by an adult unless otherwise discussed with the garden manager.
- ☐ I understand that any firearms, including licensed firearms, will be left either at home or in the car.

Barn and Tools

I understand the following:

- ☐ That the tools located in the blue shed are not mine – they are owned by The Gleaning Garden and/or by Andrew Fritz, and should not be taken home or borrowed offsite by myself or anyone else unless agreed upon with the manager.
- ☐ That if a tool breaks or becomes unusable, that you will notify the garden manager and work out an agreement for repair.
- ☐ That the shed will be locked while I am not there.
- ☐ That all tools will be put away at the end of your work session even if I plan to leave, for example, 30 minutes to eat lunch.
- ☐ That all tools will be used per their known purpose

- ☐ That all tools will be used safely, being mindful of others safety, and especially that of your own personal safety and children.
- ☐ That I will not share the lock code with anyone other than married spouse.

Property

The landowners have been incredibly gracious and supportive of The Gleaning Garden by allowing participants to use the space freely. The site of The Gleaning Garden sees a lot of traffic from the Monon and nearby businesses. We encourage this. However, this means we must take extra care and be respectful of the property. We (meaning you and all participants), must understand the following:

- ☐ I will make an effort to clean up debris and maintain a safe working environment for gardeners, pedestrians, and passerby alike.
- ☐ I will respect the wishes and desires of Vivian and/or Jess Lawhead (property owners) regardless of garden manager wishes or guidelines in this document.

Water and Water Conservation

- ☐ I understand that water onsite is collected from a nearby roof into rain barrels.
- ☐ Water at the Gleaning Garden is a limited resource and should be used as needed.
- ☐ Water should be conserved by applying mulch on top of the soil within your plot to limit evaporation (straw and leaves are best – wood mulch is least preferred). This also has the benefit of suppressing weeds and adding organic matter.
- ☐ I understand that water is not potable (not drinkable) and may contain contaminants from the roof including bird feces and other chemicals that leach from asphalt shingles. The Gleaning Garden is working to make water as potable and safe as possible.

Soil and Soil Health

- ☐ I understand that the health of the garden begins with the health of the soil. A garden without health soil is more susceptible to pest and disease issues, soil erosion, undesirable produce, and more.
- ☐ If I grow in the same plot from year to year, I will exercise crop rotation to limit future pest issues.
- ☐ I will use mulch to suppress weeds, limit evaporation, and increase soil organic matter.

Composting

- ☐ I understand there are three composting bins in which I can throw garden debris, including weeds, into.
- ☐ I understand that two weeds, Canadian Thistle and Quackgrass, are invasive plant species found at the Gleaning Garden. These should not be thrown into the compost bin and instead thrown into the nearby dumpsters. The Garden Manager will inform participants about these two-invasive species.
- ☐ I understand that I can throw my personal kitchen waste into the compost bins granted it is free of labels and mostly organic.
- ☐ I will adhere to basic compost guidelines as stated at The Gleaning Garden. This means I will not throw grains or meats into the compost bin.

My signature below indicates my complete understanding of these rules and guidelines at the Gleaning Garden

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

My signature below indicates that I choose to open my garden plot – making it available to the public (gleaning) and for harvesting by volunteers for donation to the CUMC Food Pantry. I do not have to sign this if I do not want to open my garden – leaving it closed for personal use only.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Gardener's Signature & Liability Waiver

- ☐ Rules and decisions governing the garden site will be made by the garden manager. I agree to abide by any decisions made by the garden manager. I have read and agree to abide by the above garden rules and guidelines. I understand that failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of my gardening privileges.
- ☐ 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 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. I understand all these rules and regulations and promise to follow them in good conscience.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____