

Usage Agreement for the 65th & Woodlawn Community Garden

I am willing to maintain a 5' x 20' section of the "free for all" gardens outside the fence.
The number(s) of the area I'd prefer to maintain are: _____

- I will pay a fee of \$40 per 100 square foot plot to help cover garden expenses.
- I agree to keep my plants and plot borders within my allotted plot.
- I will have something planted in my plot by June 1st and keep my plot planted all summer long.
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- I will follow the guidelines of the composting system and not put seeded or diseased plants into the compost bins. I will burn woody or diseased plants.
- I will not put vegetative matter in the trash bins.
- I will keep trash and litter out of my plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.
- I will not pick plants from other plots unless given permission by the gardener of the other plot.
- I will only use organic fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will not in any way affect other plots.
- I will make sure that the tool shed, wheelbarrows, and gate are locked securely before leaving the garden. If another gardener is still working in the garden, I will consult with them to see if I should leave any of these things unlocked for their use before leaving them unlocked.
- I will recoil the water hoses and put away the watering cans when I'm finished using them.
- I will clean up after myself and my guests if I use the communal picnic / grill / fire pit area and make sure that all hot coals are doused before I leave.
- I will make sure that my guests do not pick from or walk in other plots.
- I will keep any pets brought into the garden on a leash. I will not allow them to walk in garden plots and I will make sure to clean up their waste.
- I agree to volunteer at least four hours toward community gardening efforts. (Volunteer opportunities will be announced via the mailing list).
- I agree to pay \$5.00 each time I puncture the irrigation system around my plot or break the irrigation works in my plot.
- I agree not to make permanent or large structures without prior garden management approval.
- I will participate in the fall cleanup of the garden and make sure that I have removed all standing vegetation from my plot before the winter freeze .
- If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given one week's notice to clean it up. At the end of that week a final notice will be given. If the issue is not addressed after the second warning, the plot will be reassigned or tilled in and I will forfeit my usage fees.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership. (If you are out of town for an extended time, please notify others on the mailing list 65thandwoodlawn@googlegroups.com to request assistance maintaining your plot while you're out of town.)

I understand that neither the garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. We the undersigned members of the 65th and Woodlawn Community Garden group hereby agree to hold harmless the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago and any other gardeners from and against any damage, loss, liability, claim, demand, suit, cost and expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of or in connection with the use of the 65th and Woodlawn Community Garden by the garden group, its successors, assigns, employees, agents and invites.

Printed Name(s):

Signature(s):