

## 14<sup>th</sup> & Arapahoe Community Garden

Mark your calendar! The following is a list of important dates for the 2024 season:

**March 16- June 1:** New Gardener application window

**June 15<sup>th</sup>:** Must have planted garden plot or it will be reassigned. (no refunds after this date)

**August 1<sup>st</sup>:** Garden Check: Plots not being taken care of &/or where food is not being picked will be reassigned.

**November 1<sup>st</sup>:** Plot must be clear.

### **Things to Know**

#### Garden Plot Fees:

Fees are necessary to cover the cost of water, resources, and management. It also increases gardener responsibility, and investment in the garden and the program. There is a minimum \$20 per 100 sq. ft plot fee for all gardeners. No refunds on plot fees or deposit after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Garden Maintenance:

Maintaining your garden with regular weeding will conserve water, reduce insects, and keep neighbors happy. We encourage you to work with other gardeners to keep the garden growing strong. Garden plots need to be cleaned up by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any problems with your plot, or you can't take care of it, please let us know so we can help.

1. Name:

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Address:

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City, State, Zip Code:

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Phone Number(s):

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E-mail address(es):

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Age: \_\_\_\_ Male / Female

Refugee or immigrant: Y / N Country of origin: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list all the people that live in your family/household.

<b>Name of adults in house/family</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Gender Male/Female</b>	<b>Will be gardening</b>
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<b>Name of children in house/family</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Gender Male/Female</b>	<b>Will be gardening</b>
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3. Do you speak English well? \_\_\_\_  
If not, which language do you speak? \_\_\_\_\_

If you do not speak English well, please provide an English-speaking contact  
( REQUIRED) :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How will you use your garden plot? Mark all that apply:

To grow food for myself/family                      To eat more fresh vegetables                      Other:  
To sell at a farmers' market                      For canning/preserving food

5. Payment Information

Item:	Cost:	Amount Due:
Garden Plot 100 sq ft	\$20	\$20



Total Enclosed with application:

*Checks should be made payable to Southview Baptist Church, Memo line-- Community Garden*

Venmo note should be: Community Garden



*I understand the rules and regulations, as presented in the 14<sup>th</sup> and Arapahoe Community Garden Rules, I understand that neither Southview Baptist Church, nor the owners of the land are responsible for the safety or success of participants, their family, or their garden visitors. I therefore, agree to hold harmless Southview Baptist Church and owners of the land for any liability,*

*damage loss, or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or by any of my guests.*

*I agree to exercise common courtesy and good judgment while gardening. I understand that if I exhibit behavior considered to be dangerous or offensive to myself or others, I may be removed from the community gardening program.*

Signature of the Gardener \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 14<sup>th</sup> and Arapahoe Community Garden Rules

### General

1. **Application:** A current application must be on file and fees paid to receive a plot to garden
2. **Organic Only:** Gardeners must use organic growing methods, fertilizers, and sprays. Contact us if you need help.
3. **Returning gardeners** may return to the same plot(s) each year after
  - a) Turning in a returning gardener application by November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b) The plot is cleaned up by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. **Pets:** No Pets (for the safety and enjoyment of everyone)
5. **Trash:** Please be sure to throw all trash in provided garden trash bins
6. **Maintenance:** All gardeners must take part in the maintenance of the garden including: sitting areas, compost bins, weeding mulching paths, turning water off, and putting hoses away, keeping tool sheds and tools clean.
7. **Tools:** All tools must be returned to toolbox/shed after every use. You cannot keep them or take them off-site.
8. **Personal Responsibility:** Gardeners are responsible for themselves, children, and any personal property brought into the garden.
9. **Hours:** The garden is open dawn until dusk, seven days a week
10. **Plot States:** Plot corners are clearly marked with green steel fence t-posts. Please do not remove these stakes during the season. These posts are permanent boundary markers and should not be moved.
11. **Weeds:** Please dispose of weeds in designated areas
12. **Harvesting:** Crops must be harvested once they are mature. If you do not feel you can use all of them, please contact your Site Coordinator to arrange for donation.
13. **Absent from garden:** If someone else will tend your plot or pick your vegetables while you are sick or out of town, give the person a signed note and notify your site Coordinator. If you no longer wish to continue gardening at any point in the year, please notify us.
14. **Behavior:** Alcohol, drugs. Violence, stealing or vandalism are not allowed in the community gardens. Participating in any of these activities will result in removal from the program and loss of garden plot. This includes taking vegetables or plants from other gardens. If you observe any of these activities notify your Site Coordinator or the police immediately.

15. **Restricted Plants:** Plant whatever you like in your plot, but no noxious weeds or invasive plants. Restricted plants include: Jerusalem Artichokes, Mink ( can plant in a container but not in the ground), Morning glories, bamboo.
16. **June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Garden plots must be planted by this date or space will be given to someone else.
17. **Cleaned Plots:** Plots must be cleaned up by November 1<sup>st</sup>. A cleaned-up garden means that all tomato stakes & cages are removed, all dead plants, including weeds, are removed. The plot must look neat and tidy to be considered cleaned-up. Plants still growing and being harvested may remain.
18. **Keep plants inside your plot:** Plants must be kept out of other gardener's plots or paths; any plants growing outside of your plot may be trimmed or cut back by the Site Coordinator without notice.
19. **Tall Crops:** Plant tall crops, like corn or sunflowers, where they will not shade neighboring plots.
20. **Water:** shut water off after every use and keep hoses rolled up. (Please report any problems with water being left on or leaking to Site Coordinator).
21. **Unattended watering is not permitted:** water may NEVER be left on after you leave the garden site, fines or removal from program may result.
22. **Conservation:** please conserve water: mulch garden with leaves, grass clippings, or straw to reduce water evaporation. Mulching also reduces weeds.
23. **Mulching Paths:** Everyone must help maintain the MAIN mulched garden paths
24. **No weeds or dirt** in paths and all food crops must be kept from growing on or over paths

Your compliance with the above regulations will help everyone have an enjoyable and productive garden. Failure to comply with the regulations during the season may result in a loss of future gardening privileges.

***\*Keep this page for your records!***