

# Republic Community Garden (Located at the Republic Church of the Nazarene) Use Agreement

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. - Genesis 1:29

Thank you for your interest in the Republic Nazarene Community Garden. This garden has been established as a ministry of the Republic Church of the Nazarene. This garden is made available to community gardeners with the intention of providing space to grow and cultivate fruits, vegetables, and herbs for personal use or as a gift to those in need. A suggested donation of \$25 is requested before assigning plots to help cover the water costs for the gardening season, in addition to volunteering for a garden responsibility. Gardeners will be able to access their assigned plots beginning May 22nd, following receipt of the completed application and plot assignment. It is expected that you read the rules and application in its entirety. Garden plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis until all plots have been assigned. If you are not assigned a plot due to capacity, you will be placed on a waitlist and will be notified if a plot becomes available.

Any garden-related questions/issues can be directed to Facebook to "Republic Nazarene", by phone call (do not text this number) to 509-775-3213, or by text to 970-571-3107.

## **Agreement of Conduct**

Let all that you do be done in love. - 1 Corinthians 16:14

Although the use of the community garden does not assume or require your personal faith to be in alignment with the Christian faith, the program and its property is owned by the Republic Church of the Nazarene, and therefore, there is an expectation for conduct while using the property for gardening purposes. It is asked that each gardener demonstrate respect for other gardeners and community members, which treats every person with decency and charity in both language and deed. As stewards of God's creation, it is expected that all gardeners treat the land and animals with respect and decency so that no animal will be harmed in any way in the gardening process. In addition, the following expectations for property use, as documented in the Republic Church of the Nazarene building usage agreement, will also be observed at all times while on the property (a copy of this agreement can be made available upon request).

Please note: Consumption of alcohol, intoxicating, or otherwise mind-altering substances (whether legal or illegal) is explicitly prohibited on any and all church property, including the garden area.

## **Garden Rules & Expectations**

Garden rules should be established for every community garden. Rules are an excellent way to ensure everyone understands how the garden will operate and what is expected of each gardener. These rules are intended as a guide only. Each garden's rules will vary depending on the needs of each garden.

1. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of their garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting, and any other garden-related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots.
2. Access to water will be available in the community garden. It is the responsibility of each gardener to supervise the watering of their garden and ensure the water is turned off and the hose returned to its proper place after each watering.
3. Republic Church of the Nazarene will not be responsible for providing any equipment or tools and cannot be held liable for the loss or damage of any personal equipment or tools used at the community garden. That said, if any garden tools made available for community use should be returned to the shed.
4. Children (under 16) are welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times. Ages 16 and up can rent their own plot.
5. Each gardener must complete a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.

6. Garden plots should be cared for at least once a week. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given week. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks, that plot is subject to reassignment.
7. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited unless agreed upon by the garden committee.
8. Assignment of garden plots will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference for next year's plots will be given to previous year's participants first.
9. The suggested \$25 donation per plot is requested at the beginning of the garden season.
10. Gardeners may harvest vegetables and flowers from their garden only.
11. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.
12. The Garden Committee is responsible for ensuring that the rules are followed at all times. Gardeners are encouraged to attend monthly committee meetings.
13. Plants which are grown in the Community Garden will be limited to fruits, vegetables, kitchen herbs, and non-self-seeding perennial flowers. Marijuana or any other plant used for recreation or medicinal use, which has the potential of producing a 'high' or altered mental state, is NOT permitted to be grown.
14. No pets inside the garden. Service animals only.

*I have read and agree to abide by the garden rules and expectations. I understand that failing to observe these rules in any way will result in my dismissal from the Republic Community Garden. Warnings or written notice are not required for my dismissal, and I in no way own or share ownership of the property, soil, or resources connected to the garden. - Typing my name in the box below demonstrates my understanding and agreement with the statement above. \**

Sign Initials\* \_\_\_\_\_

## Gardener's Contact Information

\*indicates a required question

I am signing up on behalf of someone else.\*

*Check a box*

- No
- Yes

If so, please enter the gardener's contact information:

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

Phone Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First and Last) \* \_\_\_\_\_

Email\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \* \_\_\_\_\_

Can you receive text messages at the number listed? \*

*Check a box*

- Yes
- No

Please mark any area that you would be interested in volunteering with during the season. Each gardener is expected to help with general maintenance during the growing season.

*Check all that apply.*

- Phone calls
- Weeding in the communal space
- Social events
- Tending to the "Giving Garden" side
- Managing compost
- Maintenance and cleaning tools

## **Release of Claims and Liability**

As a community garden applicant and as a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness, or other incapacity. If I have any questions about the Community Garden, its nature, risks, or hazards, I have contacted the garden coordinator and discussed those questions with him/her to my satisfaction.
2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the Republic Church of the Nazarene and any of its representatives or agents, volunteers, other gardeners, from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury, or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that I agree to the above.

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Signature\*

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Signature of guardian if gardner is under 18