

**Pathway Community Garden  
2015 Application to Participate**

Participants' Name(s): (Please list **all** family members and/or friends who plan to garden together.)

Main Contact's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Email \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Do you give the garden committee permission to share your email address and phone number with other Pathway community gardeners? Y / N

This is my first year to garden? Y / N

Approximately, how many seasons have you gardened? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to teach newcomers or serve on the garden committee to help improve our community garden? Y / N

Do you have any other comments, questions, or suggestions?

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree:  
*Print full name*

- for plots *within* the fencing: to pay an annual fee of \$40.00 to help cover garden expenses plus a refundable deposit of \$30.00
- for plots *outside* the fencing: to pay an annual fee of \$30.00 to help cover garden expenses plus a refundable deposit of \$30.00
- to abide by all rules of the Pathway Community Garden Terms Agreement, and keep my commitment to caring for my plot area for an entire season or forfeit my refundable deposit and garden privileges.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Participant Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Please mail this completed form along with your check (payable to Pathway Community Church) to:

Lyle Suderman  
Attn: Pathway Community Garden  
15501 S. Arapaho St.  
Olathe, KS 66062

## Pathway Community Garden 2015 Terms Agreement

1. Agree to pay an annual fee of **\$40.00 per plot** for plots *within the fencing* and/or **\$30.00 per plot** for plots *outside of the fencing* to help cover garden expenses. This fee can be split amongst gardeners using the same plot. In return for this fee, you will be provided with a garden plot as well as use of the community's gardening tools. (*We will accommodate special needs upon request.*)

**Note:** New gardeners are limited to one plot. In subsequent seasons, returning gardeners may apply for up to 3 plots total (including up to 2 plots within the fencing) if they completed four work days the previous year.

2. Agree to pay a refundable deposit of **\$30.00 per plot** for plots both *within and outside the fencing*. This deposit will be refunded to gardeners who maintain their garden plot according to the standards in this agreement for the entire season, through October AND meet the requirements in #4 below. Failure to maintain your assigned plot will result in a warning from a garden chairperson. If your assigned plot becomes unkempt, understand you will be given a **one-week notice** to clean it up. At that time, if this requirement is not met, you will forfeit your deposit and your plot will be re-assigned or tilled in.

3. Agree to begin preparing your garden plot by **May 31, 2015** (*or request a continuance*), or the plot, your annual fee, and deposit will be forfeited for the season.

4. Agree to share the work of caring for the common areas of the garden. Failure to share this work will result in the loss of your refundable deposit **and** potential suspension from the garden. The work required includes serving a minimum of four (4) work days. The following options can constitute a work day:

- A. Participation in scheduled community work dates. Dates will be communicated in advance. Any absence from a work day must be communicated to the garden directors.
- B. Taking responsibility for one week out of the gardening season to perform required general garden tasks and upkeep of the common areas. This is about a 1-2 hour commitment during your assigned week. Responsibilities are outlined within the Sign-Up Genius e-mail communication.

5. Agree that if you must abandon your plot for any reason, you will notify the garden administrator **immediately** before discontinuing or transferring your plot.

6. Agree to notify a garden neighbor if you will be gone for an extended time so your plot will be tended while you are out of town.

7. Agree to keep weeds removed and maintain the areas immediately surrounding your plot(s). Failure to maintain these areas may result in forfeiture of plot(s) and deposit.

8. Agree to keep trash and litter cleaned from the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.

9. Agree to be responsible for watering your plot (*follow all city guidelines and restrictions when they are issued*) and be respectful and responsible with watering equipment.

10. Agree to follow guidelines for approved garden plot structures and materials. These include:

- Commercial tomato cages
  - Flat-panel wire, string, and/or netting trellis materials, not to exceed five (5) feet in height.
- Anyone failing to adhere to this list will receive a warning to remove unapproved materials within 48 hours.

11. Respect the desire of those wishing to follow organic gardening practices. Agree to follow safety guidelines with regards to the **confined use of herbicides and pesticides**. The following are preferred:

- *Herbicides: Roundup*
- *Pesticides: Rotenone or Sevin*

**\*\*\* Direct any questions regarding the use of chemicals to the Garden Administrator.**

12. Agree to keep plot(s) as free of pests as possible. When one plot is infested with a pest, the neighboring plots are affected. If pest control in your plot(s) is a problem the garden committee will notify you. If necessary, the garden committee will treat your plot(s) with a pesticide and you will be charged \$5.00/plot application.
13. Agree to share vegetable gardening abundance responsibly (*we do have a list of places accepting food donations*). Please **pick only your own crops** unless given permission by another plot user.
14. Agree to plant tall crops only where they will not shade neighboring plots.
15. Understand that no trees or berry bushes are to be planted. Existing berry bushes at the time of this agreement will be allowed, providing they are properly maintained within the plot boundaries.
16. Agree to follow guidelines established as to acceptable plantings for each garden area (*vegetables, flowers, etc*).
17. Agree to add only approved materials to compost bins, as indicated in the Compost Instructions document. This document is located inside the garden shed.
18. Agree to not bring pets into the specified garden area. An area may be provided for them outside the growing areas.
19. Agree to clean up your garden plot at the end of the gardening season **no later than Oct. 15**. This includes removing all plant and weed debris, vegetable cages, stakes, and any other materials used during the gardening season.
20. Agree that all group communication to gardeners will be facilitated by the Pathway Garden Administrator. Please direct all questions, ideas, and comments to Lyle Suderman, Garden Administrator, at [pathwaygardenadmin@gmail.com](mailto:pathwaygardenadmin@gmail.com) OR 913.829.3842.
21. Understand that failure to comply with Pathway Garden Agreement may result in forfeiture of garden privileges.
22. Understand that Pathway Community Church retains authority over this lot and may choose another use for it at any time. Appropriate notice will be given to all gardeners.
23. I understand that neither Pathway Community Church nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN COMMITTEE, PATHWAY COMMUNITY 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 ANY OF MY GUESTS.