



2017 University of Alaska Fairbanks, Cooperative Extension Service Matanuska Experiment Farm Community Garden Contract

I (the primary gardener on this application), _____, agree to follow the guidelines listed below, and accept the following responsibilities. I understand that this is required in order to be a participating gardener at the UAF-CES Matanuska Experiment Farm Community Garden.

1. I accept full responsibility for the maintenance of our individual garden plot, its neighboring pathways, and accept shared responsibility for maintenance of common areas, equipment, supplies, and infrastructure, including tools, shed, compost, water system, signs, and pathways. This includes shutting off the water (as needed), locking the shed after use, composting all plant debris, placing removed stones off the tilled and mowed areas, carrying out all trash, and storing all community garden equipment.
2. I agree to pay a fee of \$25 per plot for the growing season at the time of registration. I am responsible for the removal of all vegetation and debris from my plot to the satisfaction of the Garden Coordinator at the end of garden cleanup day in September.
3. The primary gardener (on this application) will notify the Garden Coordinator if I cannot care for the plot. If the plot remains uncultivated by June 30, or if the plot appears to be neglected or abandoned throughout the season, I (we) will be contacted by a coordinator and the plot may be forfeited if situation is not corrected.
4. I will notify the Garden Coordinator upon termination of my contract and clear my plots.
5. Communal work requirements: I agree to volunteer eight (8) hours, for general maintenance and care for the garden, throughout the growing season. It is vital to the garden's success, and use of the site is contingent upon our ability to maintain it. Communal work events will be scheduled throughout the season.
6. I will use only fertilizer, pesticide, herbicide, and fungicide products approved for organic use. Information on organic gardening methods is available through the Garden Coordinator or the Cooperative Extension Office.
7. I will remain on the premises while using water. Gardeners are asked to conserve water at all times. Keep hoses neatly rolled up near their source and watering cans in the shed.
8. Borrowed tools should be cleaned and returned to the storage area when done. Tools are not to be removed from the garden site.
9. I will respect my fellow gardeners and the garden's neighbors by not disturbing them or their property in any way and by using shared space appropriately.
10. No illegal plants may be grown, including any plants listed on the State of Alaska's noxious weed list, which can be found on the web at:
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=02>
11. Any gardening partners listed on this application will be given a copy of this contract and agree to abide by its terms.



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Waiver and Release

The UAF-CES Matanuska Experiment Farm Community Garden is not responsible for personal injury or property damage incurred by any plot renter, or for theft, loss, or destruction of any property owned by any plot renter.

By signing this contract, I assume full responsibility for my conduct while in the garden and agree not to engage in unacceptable conduct including but not limited to vandalism, consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of tobacco products or illegal drugs, verbal or physical harassment, or littering.

I understand that UAF-CES Matanuska Experiment Farm Community Garden shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, marital status, age, sex, sexual orientation or disability in the administration of the garden or its programs.

In the event that a dispute arises between gardeners or gardeners and its organizational leadership, I agree that the board of UAF-CES Matanuska Experiment Farm Community Garden will act as the arbiter and that its decision will be binding on all parties.

I have read the foregoing contract, waiver and release of liability and voluntarily executed this with full knowledge of its content and intending to be legally bound.

Signed _____, date _____

Please Print:

Primary Gardener _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____ Anticipated dates of absence _____

Gardening partner #1 _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____ Anticipated dates of absence _____

Gardening partner #2 _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email _____ Anticipated dates of absence _____



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Garden Etiquette UAF-CES Matanuska Experiment Farm Community Garden

Common-sense list of No's:

- No pets, with the exception of service animals.
 - No motorized vehicles unless authorized by the Garden Committee.
 - No littering.
 - No disrespectful behavior such as alcohol consumption, loud music, or profanity.
 - No invasive plants.
- Individual garden plots are to be used for growing fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, and/or flowers.
 - UAF Facilities will be maintaining the grassy areas within the garden. They have requested that 30 inches be left between all infrastructure components. Out of consideration for Facility Services, our gardeners are asked to keep the area surrounding their plots free of anything that cannot be mowed. This includes, pots, planters, watering cans, foliage of squash plants (they can be planted, but they will not be protected from lawn mowers), etc.
 - Parking is not allowed next to the garden (except during work days that require supplies, equipment, etc.).
 - If Community plots are planted, they will be in designated areas. If you help with these areas, you may harvest from them.
 - No taking food that is not yours.
 - Each gardener is also responsible for the maintenance and weeding of any paths next to their gardening plot.
 - Crops over six feet tall are not allowed in individual plots due to the shadow effect it causes for neighboring gardeners. Be considerate of your neighbors!
 - All dead plant material from gardener's plots must be disposed of in a proper fashion. Do not pile weeds and rocks in pathways. The garden group will provide a composting area for gardener's plant material waste/weeds.
 - Gates are to remain closed at all times. Please ensure you close all gates behind you after entering and leaving the garden site.
 - Children are strongly encouraged to respectfully participate in all the joys of gardening. Supervision is important at all times.
 - The bulletin board is a way for all of us to stay in touch. Please use it for any garden-related purposes.
 - Please sign-in each time you visit the garden. This will provide us an important record of activities and assist us when investigating vandalism or other problems at the garden.
 - These guidelines are subject to change. You are responsible for checking your e-mail, or the garden bulletin board for updated information.
 - Enjoy the season! Enjoy each other! Enjoy the food!