



# Community Gardens of Tucson

*Cultivating Community through Gardening*

## PLOT USER AGREEMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Plot Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Others gardening with me \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Our wonderful volunteers keep our gardens running. Do you have a skill or knowledge to contribute to CGT on occasion (for example: office skills, marketing, IT, fundraising, language , etc.)?

List: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY GARDENS OF TUCSON will:** provide a plot with water delivered through a drip irrigation system. Educational information will be given through garden meetings and a newsletter. Part of being a community gardener is getting to know your fellow gardeners. Your phone and email will be shared only with the gardeners in your garden.

### AS A COMMUNITY GARDENER, I will:

1. Visit the garden during daylight hours only and assist with garden security by always shutting gates and locking locks. Report any security issues to the site coordinator.
2. Keep my plot planted throughout the year or notify the site coordinator and temporarily turn off water when my plot is not in use.
3. Grow herbs, vegetables and flowers using organic methods. Not grow trees, shrubs, mint or other aggressive plants (such as chamomile and nettles) or any plants deemed illegal by state or federal law, nor use any genetically modified organisms (GMOs).
4. Keep plants within the plot perimeter. Work regularly to keep weeds and other debris out of aisles and others' garden plots.
5. Harvest my produce for my own use or offer it to others so that it doesn't go to waste (arrangements can be made with Iskashita or the Community Foodbank toward this end).
6. Participate in at least two organized garden cleanups per year. If unable to participate in the bi-annual garden cleanups at my home garden I will sign up for a garden clean up at another CGT garden or participate in a CGT alternative volunteer activity (cleanups and activities will be made available through CGT emails containing volunteer signup links).
7. Attend monthly meetings at the garden and work with other gardeners to keep the common areas clean and tidy.
8. Assist with composting and abide by the garden's composting process.



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9. Help with water conservation by quickly repairing drip irrigation leaks in my plot, notifying other gardeners and/or the site coordinator of any leaks and minimizing hand watering. I will not modify or alter the irrigations system.
10. Work carefully and cautiously in the garden, knowing that wild animals, including snakes, can be present. Confronting or killing wild animals is not supported by CGT. I will not use bird netting.
11. NOT trim any of the trees or shrubs that are at or near the garden without explicit permission and training on how to do so.
12. NOT bring radios, boom-boxes, televisions, alcohol, tobacco or firearms to the garden.
13. NOT disturb the property owner or other gardeners with excessive noise or in any other way.
14. NOT use conventional (non-organic) insecticides or weed killers/herbicides.
15. ONLY remove tools or equipment from the shed for use in designated CGT garden and return to shed promptly after use. CGT is not responsible for my personal tools or equipment.
16. NOT bring dogs or other animals within the planted areas of the gardens.
17. Pay a user fee of \$18.00 per month [or reduced fee if awarded a scholarship] to be paid in advance on a 6-month basis, according to the CGT payment schedule. A late fee of \$10.00 will be charged 30 days after due date. I understand that if payment is still not received after the 30 days my irrigation will be discontinued and my plot will be considered open for use by another gardener (unless arrangements have been made). Scholarship awards are subject to income verification and review each year. If scholarship renewal paperwork is not submitted full fees will apply.
18. Be the single point person responsible for paying plot fees (if there are multiple gardeners sharing my plot).
19. When I discontinue use of the plot I will leave it weeded, plant debris and gardening structures/supports removed and disposed of properly, prior to my last paid day.
20. I agree to assume all risks inherent in this activity and hereby release the Community Gardens of Tucson, its employees, contractors, volunteers, and the property owner and other gardeners from all liability and responsibility arising out of my participation in the Community Gardens Program. I understand that this agreement may be terminated at any time. I understand that Tucson Community Gardens may publish photos including garden activities and gardeners.

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Plot User Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Site Coordinator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date