

Avenue Apartments Community Garden Contract

- We must have a signed garden contract on file for each household before the household is allowed to use either their allotted plot or partake in a communal plot.
- If a household has an individual plot, the household will bear the responsibilities of this contract until either a) the household moves out or b) the household decides they no longer want the plot and communicates this *in writing* to their property manager *no later than May 1st of each year*. If the household decides they want a plot again in the future, they will either be added to the bottom of the waiting list or given a new plot if one is available and there is no waiting list.
- All gardeners who partake in this garden understand they are taking on certain risks (theft, damage, etc.) but recognize that the primary goal of this community garden is to educate youth and provide an enjoyable and relaxing communal atmosphere. All gardeners agree to work together to resolve any issues that arise, keeping these goals and priorities in mind.
- All gardeners must follow the garden guidelines.

Garden Guidelines

- Plots must be worked by June 1st (with exception of the garden's opening year, 2015) and plant structures must be taken down by November 1st. Cool weather crops may remain, as long as they are tended.
- No trees, large bushes, or illegal plants may be planted.
- Plots should be kept neat, with weeds under control, and plants should be kept within the plot's confines.
- If you have an individual plot and are going to be away for an extended period of time, please let your property manager know and arrange for someone to water and weed your plot. Each household will get *two written warnings* if it appears that their plot is not being attended to. After each warning, the household will have five days to either respond to the notice or attend to their plot. After this, the plot will be reassigned to the next household on the waiting list.
- Only organic pesticides and fertilizers may be used. Herbicides will not be permitted. A good source for organic pest controls is Gardener's Supply Company: (www.gardeners.com).
- Gardeners are expected to maintain the pathways around their plots and clean up any debris, weeds, and/or rocks that fall while they are working.
- The on-site compost is for garden waste *only*. Other food waste must be disposed of separately. The compost needs to remain locked when not in use. Please notify your property manager if you see people disposing of non-garden waste in the compost.
- One hose will be provided that attaches to the spigot located by the inaccessible side-door. All households can access this hose. The spigot may also be used to fill individual watering cans. *Make sure you turn off the spigot when it's not being used and detach the removable*

knob. The removable knob should be kept in the locked shed so the spigot cannot be used by anyone other than garden participants.

- Participants must remove any trash they bring on-site. Trash barrels will not be provided.
- We expect all gardeners to be respectful of other households' individual plots. Gardeners *should not touch crops in any plot that is not their own (with the exception of communal plots) unless given permission by the plot-holder.* If it appears that an individual household's plot needs attending, please let your property manager know, and they will take it from there.
- Champlain Housing Trust is not responsible for any garden theft or damage.
- Tools may be kept in designated area in the shed, but keep in mind that these tools may be used by other garden members. Please be respectful of other gardener's tools and clean & return them to their original location when you are done using them. Champlain Housing Trust is not responsible for any tools that go missing.
- No alcohol, drugs, fires, or radios will be allowed on site.
- Gardeners understand that the Champlain Housing Trust is not responsible or liable for any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from the gardeners' work on the community garden. Gardeners also understand that the Champlain Housing Trust does not assume any responsibility or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.
- These guidelines are intended for the health and safety of all garden participants. Your property managers will have final say in any issues or concerns that are brought to their attention. They reserve the right to forfeit any household's plot if the household is creating issues for other gardeners or behaving in any way that violates the garden's principles and guidelines.
- Please contact an Avenue Apartments point person (listed below) if you have an issue before contacting either your property manager or Anna Herman.
 - Point person #1: Meg Cline at 2megmo@gmail.com
 - Point person #2: Kristen Krause at otobeinsun@gmail.com
 - Anna Herman: (802) 861-7395
 - Avenue Apartments property manager: (802) 862-6244

I have fully read and understand all of the above guidelines. I agree to garden respectfully with my neighbors and keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner. I understand if I do not follow the above guidelines my privileges will be revoked.

Head of Household: _____ Date: _____

Property Manager: _____ Date: _____