



## **PROJECT GROW COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT**

**Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District**

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### **Introduction**

The Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District (NRD) is the governing authority at the Project GROW Community Garden.

### **Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

By participating, I agree to the following:

#### **1. Fees**

- Water Use Fee: \$20.00 per plot due at signing – Make payable to the City of York
- Clean-up Deposit: \$50.00 due at signing
  - Not refundable after June 1
  - Returned in fall if all rules are met
- Financial Assistance available for those who cannot afford the deposit

#### **2. Important Garden Deadlines**

- June 1:
  - Plots must be planted by this date
  - Unplanted plots are reassigned
  - Deposit forfeited
- October 15:
  - All plots must be cleared of plants and other materials used on the garden plot
  - All plots will be prepared and planted to a winter cover crops

#### **3. Plot Maintenance Requirements**

- Garden is open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week
- I will do the following as needed:
  - Water as needed
  - Remove weeds regularly
  - Manage pests and disease
  - Harvest promptly
- Plots may not be left unused for 3 or more weeks, more than once per season
- Notify NRD if abandoning plot mid-season
- Plot size: 13' x 20' no expansion into paths or neighboring plots
- Notify the District if planting produce that grows to greater than 4 feet in height

#### **4. Cleanliness & Waste Management**

- Keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean
- Separate waste:
  - Compost all green waste generated on site (dead plants, leaves, pulled weeds) in designated area

- Remove all personal items and trash brought from home (paper, plastic, cardboard, metal, etc.)
- No dumping of household trash

5. Prohibited Items & Behaviors

- No illegal plants
- No smoking, alcohol, drugs, gambling
- No weapons
- No arriving under the influence
- No unattended watering (water must be turned off before leaving)

6. Guests & Conduct

- Guests are allowed only when accompanied
- Children must be supervised
- I am responsible for guest behavior
- Respectful conduct required, no abusive language or discrimination

7. Pesticides

- Pesticides may be applied only with NRD approval

8. Respect for Others

- I will not take food or plants from other plots
- I will contribute to a positive, friendly garden environment
- If willing to donate extra food or plants, let Valerie know (donated produce will be taken to Blue Valley Food Bank)

9. Liability & Assumption of Risk

- I accept the inherent risks of gardening
- I waive liability and hold harmless Project GROW and the NRD
- I accept responsibility for myself and my guests while on-site

Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of plot.

1. You will receive one verbal warning from the NRD.
2. If no response or correction is made, you will receive a written notice one week later.
3. If there is no response within 5 days following the written notice, you will receive a written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges, clean up deposit, and plot.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and only at the discretion of the NRD.

**Commitment**

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for participation in the Project GROW Community Garden.

Gardener Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NRD Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_