



Aldersgate
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Where hearts are warmed

Administrator use only

Plot #: _____

Payment Method:
 Cash Check # _____

Date Rec'd: _____

Ambrose Community Garden Application

Name(s): _____
(Please include the names of all persons who will be regular participants in caring for your plot.)

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell or Work Phone:** _____

Requested Plot(s): _____

Special situations/concerns or vacation plans we should know about:

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read the community garden rules and guidelines listed on the attached page and I agree to adhere to them. I understand that my payment of \$25.00 (+ \$15 for each additional plot) is due with this application and that no garden plot will be reserved, held, or assigned before both payment and application have been received.

I recognize that neither Aldersgate United Methodist Church nor the garden administrators are responsible for my actions or the actions of the other gardeners. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND THE GARDEN ADMINISTRATORS FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Ambrose Community Garden Policies & Guidelines

- A non-refundable rental fee of \$25.00 at the time of application is required to help cover garden expenses for the season. (Rental for each additional plot is \$15.00.)
- Members are strongly encouraged to help with one or more of the many tasks that keep the garden running smoothly all season.
- All gardeners should have something planted in their assigned plot(s) by June 15 and keep it planted throughout the summer. Anyone who needs to abandon a plot for any reason must notify the garden administrators.
- Gardeners must keep weeds down and maintain all areas immediately surrounding their plots, including the removal of any trash or litter. The use of mulch in all plots is strongly encouraged, not only to deter weeds, but also to retain water in the soil.
- Tall crops should be planted only where they will not shade neighboring plots. Crops or plants that have sprawling vines must stay within the parameters of each gardener's plot.
- Gardeners may pick only their own crops unless given permission by another plot user. Anyone who will be away from the garden for more than one week is encouraged to notify an administrator so that ripe crops may be picked in their absence and donated to NECM.
- Gardeners must agree to keep the garden organic and eco-friendly; no fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellants with synthetic chemicals may be used at any time. Any product in question should be approved by a garden administrator.
- Children ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Gardeners may not bring pets of any kind inside the confines of the garden. (**Special accommodations may be made for service animals; in this case, please contact one of the garden administrators.*)
- Gardeners are responsible for providing their own tools and supplies. Gardeners may leave tools in their plot, but do so at their own risk. Care must be taken to be sure that tools are completely outside of any pathways and that blades are faced down.
- Gardeners must ensure that the gate is locked securely behind them when they are the last out of the garden. Gardeners may not share the combination to the lock with anyone who is not listed on their application.
- Gardeners are responsible for watering their own plots; access to water is provided. Gardeners must ensure that all hoses and spigots are turned off and returned to the appropriate storage space before leaving the premises.
- Contents of garden plots are limited to plants and plant-growing aids (i.e. stakes, tomato cages, etc.). Decorative items of any kind are not permitted.
- Gardeners are encouraged to enjoy the fruits of their labors however they choose, whether by using it at home or by donating it back to the church in order to be shared with the community. Have fun and enjoy the beautiful gifts that God has provided us!
- Any problems or concerns should be reported to the Garden Administrators