

## Grace Covenant Community Garden Garden Team Member Agreement

### *‘Growing food cooperatively and farm-style for our community and our tables’*

My household/family members and I will work cooperatively with other gardeners in tending the GCPC Community Garden. To the best of my ability, I agree to practice the following:

- I will volunteer in the garden at least 2 hours every other week with my team or on my own time as my schedule allows May - October / November.
- When I can, I will help with other garden tasks requested by the Garden Manager that do not occur on regular work days such as the spray team, watering, special projects, etc...
- I am willing to learn and follow the GCPC Garden Best Practices as well as techniques described by my Team Leader and the Garden Manager, recognizing that proper practices help ensure a more productive garden. Emails from my Team Leader or the Garden Manager will also be a source of “how to” garden practices. If I have an alternative method for performing a task, I will discuss it with the Team Leader or Garden Manager.
- On team work days I will share responsibility for the myriad tasks to make the day a success. I will help remove equipment from the sheds, ask the Team Leader for direction on tasks, and help clean up all tools and equipment at the end of the work day before I leave.
- I will offer to help deliver produce to partners when I can. I will notify my Team Leader when I can help with delivery.
- I recognize that, while volunteer gardeners are invited to share in the garden’s bounty, most of each harvest will be shared with community partners who distribute to neighbors experiencing food insecurity.
- I recognize that I am welcome to harvest food for my table from the garden even on non-work days, but I must refer to the garden kiosk for instructions and “no harvest days”.
- When in the garden, I will be respectful to neighbors passing through and direct them to the garden kiosk for information and harvest instructions.
- I will respect my fellow gardeners and share my knowledge, skills and abilities with others. I will support team decisions and offer suggestions to the garden leaders when appropriate.
- I understand that walking on the garden soil helps spread disease and compacts soil. I recognize that occasionally stepping on beds is ok, but repeatedly walking in them is not.
- I will supervise dogs I bring to the garden and keep them leashed and out of the crop beds.
- I will supervise any children I bring with me into the garden.
- I will work to conserve resources and follow good gardening practices.
- I will not use unapproved materials or chemicals in the garden.
- I will wear protective clothing and follow good, safe garden practices.
- I willingly share in the risks and rewards of gardening.
- I understand that a \$20 annual donation is appreciated to help defray garden costs for seeds, fertilizer, tools, equipment and supplies. Donations can be made [here](https://gcpcusa.org/ways-to-give/) by selecting the “Community Garden Fund” from the drop down menu. (<https://gcpcusa.org/ways-to-give/>)