

Community Garden

at Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church

2011 Agreement and Rules

Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church has a mission to be stewards of God's Earth and our community. In the interest of both, we have made an organic garden available to our neighbors. These rules are to ensure a successful growing season and positive experience for all.

- I will pay a fee of \$25.00 to hold my plot and help cover costs for the 2011 growing season of March 1 until Nov. 30. I will have something planted in my plot by May 30 and will keep it planted through the summer.
- I will let the garden committee know if I will be out of town and I will arrange for someone to care for my garden (call the church office, 314-432-8029).
- I will keep my plot weeded on a regular basis and keep the weeds from going to seed. I understand that if my plot isn't weeded and harvested regularly I will be sent a notice that there is an issue. If no action is taken then I will be assessed a fee of \$5 per week to cover the cost of having someone else do it. In addition, any produce that is ripe will be picked and distributed to area food pantries so that it does not go to waste. I understand that any assessed fees must be paid by Nov. 1, 2011, or I will not be allowed to rent a plot from the Community Garden again.
- I will also keep trash and litter cleaned from my plot and the adjacent pathways.
- I will participate in the fall clean up of the garden.
- I will grow taller crops to the north side of the plot to keep them from shading other plots.
- I will not use fungicides, insecticides or herbicides unless they are organic and will not affect neighboring crops.
- I will not bring pets into the garden.
- I will not pick crops from another plot unless given permission to do so.
- I will report any vandalism I witness or discover to the church.
- As a steward of the Earth, I will prevent waste by donating my excess produce to my neighbors or a local food pantry.
- I am responsible for my own actions. **I therefore agree to hold harmless Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with the use of the garden by me or any of my guests.**

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

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Please have all parties participating sign, date and return this agreement, along with the application form and fee to the office by **April 22**.