

COME GROW WITH US!

2021 ST. JOHN UNITED [SJU] COMMUNITY GARDEN #FOOD OASIS ASSIGNMENTS, GUIDELINES & AGREEMENT

The St. John United (SJU) community garden food oasis is built upon an inclusive set of goals to provide a safe place to garden and increase the ability for all members of the community to participate in food production.

PLOT ASSIGNMENTS

1. Plot assignments are on a first in first assigned basis. Individuals will be assigned one plot per growing season (January 1-December 31.) Additional plots may be assigned based on availability.
2. Individuals who help develop and maintain the garden, either with physical labor, organizing, fundraising or administrative tasks will be given preference.
3. Individuals will be given preference whose current living situation doesn't provide the opportunity to garden (e.g. seniors in assisted living, apartment dwellers, immigrants, children & youth groups).
4. Current gardeners in good standing—who have helped with the garden development and have had no plot compliance issue--may be offered renewal at the end of the growing season.

PLOT USER GUIDELINES AND FEES

1. Gardeners shall maintain their assigned plot throughout the growing season—January 1-December 31. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance of their garden plot, including watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related upkeep. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots. It is the gardener's responsibility to notify the coordinator if he or she is not able to care for their plot in any given month. If any plot remains unattended for more than three weeks that plot is subject to reassignment.
2. \$30.00 is the suggested donation per plot per growing season to offset the costs of materials & water. **Send payments to: St. John United, 5515 Phinney Avenue N, Seattle, 98103. Include in the memo: Garden Plot #**
3. A limited number of tools, hoses and watering equipment will be available in the community garden kiosk for gardener use. Gardeners may bring their own preferred tools as needed. Regularly scheduled community garden work parties will be posted on the garden kiosk, and gardeners are strongly encouraged to participate.
4. Children are always welcome in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
5. The application of herbicides or chemicals to the garden plots or anywhere in the community garden is prohibited.
6. Weeds, leaves and other green waste material from a plot may be emptied in the compost bin or green waste bins on site. Any materials (e.g. household trash) brought to the site must be taken back home or disposed off-site.
7. Gardeners shall not plant any illegal, restricted plants or plants listed on the WA State Noxious Weed list (<https://www.nwcb.wa.gov/printable-noxious-weed-list>)
8. Gardeners shall respect adjacent garden plots. Gardeners may only harvest other plots with permission of the plot's user. Gardeners will keep path(s) and surrounding areas of assigned plot clean and neat.
9. Gardeners shall provide a **minimum of 8 hours of service** per growing season to maintain the common areas of the garden. Service work may include activities such as weeding paths, stirring compost, litter pick-up, moving

mulch, communications or providing an educational session to our gardeners. A sign-up sheet with tasks needed will be emailed at various times throughout the year.

10. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring. If continuing to the next growing season, gardeners should implement a soil cover such as cardboard, clean straw, cover crop (unless growing a winter crop.)
11. Gardeners shall not attempt modifications of existing site features in the community garden without prior approval of the SJU community garden committee.
12. St. John United welcomes edible harvest donations for the PNA hot meal program. Contact Krissie Dillin at krissied@phinneycenter.org to inquire about donating your edibles to this program.

PLOT USER AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS

I, _____ will participate in the 2021 St. John United (SJU) Community Garden growing season. My plot preference: #_____ (1st) #_____ (2nd) #_____ (3rd). As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

°I am fully aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the SJU Community Garden and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity. If I have questions about the SJU Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I will contact the garden coordinator(s) directly to discuss issues.

°In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the SJU Community Garden, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge the SJU Garden Committee, Garden Coordinator, volunteers, other gardeners, and the cooperating landowner from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

I represent and certify that my true age is 18 years or older or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire guideline, agreement and release, I fully understand it and I agree to be bound by it.

Participant's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

(Participant phone number)

(email address)