

# COME GROW WITH US!

## 2022 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>)