

Mission: We are an Inter-Faith Project made possible by the generous land use agreement of the Church of the Nazarene and its leadership. Our goal is to work together to create a happy, secure, and enjoyable community garden where all participants can garden, enjoy their produce, and socialize peacefully, in a neighborly manner, and to provide food for families in need of assistance in the Payson area. We promote organic gardening in the community, self-reliance, teach gardening and food preservation skills, and develop advanced methods of gardening.

Organic Gardening: We view our gardens as part of a complete system which includes the water supply, people, wildlife and even insects. We do not use chemically based synthetic fertilizers, insecticides, or pesticides. As organic gardeners we work with natural systems and continually build up our soil to provide healthy growing conditions for our plants. Please use only Organic, OMRI, or 100% natural approved products in your garden. Free manure, compost and wood chips may be available.

The Garden Staff: Experienced gardeners, who have learned the “quirks” of gardening in Payson since the garden opened, are available to gardeners in 2012, to answer your questions, teach you how to recognize “diseased” plants, identify beneficial and non-beneficial insects, and how to eliminate or control them. The garden staff routinely walks through the garden looking for issues BEFORE they need removal or treatment of the plant. Feel free to stop and ask any staff member if you have questions or concerns.

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING GARDENERS
We could not accomplish our mission without you!

Conditions of Participation:

- The annual fees include water costs:
 - \$75.00: 6’ x 25’ garden
 - \$40.00: 4’ x 8’ raised garden
 - \$30.00: 4’ x 4’ raised garden
- Each gardener is expected to volunteer for a minimum of five (5) hours to help maintain garden; a task board can be found by the garden shed
- Each garden harvest will be used for my personal/family use, no commercial use is allowed
 - My garden will share a minimum of 20% of the harvest with the food banks
 - Produce must be harvested in a timely manner
 - To prevent over-ripe produce, enlist the help of a fellow gardener or the harvest team when unable to harvest yourself
 - The Garden Staff reserves the right to harvest any overripe produce for the food banks without notification to the lessee of that space
- My garden will be well-kept and safe; including the walkways that surround my garden
 - Weeds will be removed in a timely manner including the walkways that surround my garden
 - Gardens that are not maintained in a well-kept condition, or overgrown with weeds and with seeds will be deemed “abandoned”
- Supports, shade systems, hoop systems are allowed, however, please be sensitive to not shade your neighbor’s garden
 - All disputes surrounding shade systems will be settled using a light meter
- Trees, berry bushes, or any other unsuitable plant such as morning glories or hollyhocks are not allowed
- Companion plants and flowers that attract pollinating insects, are encouraged
- The walkways are mulched using free woodchips, by the gardeners as needed and are kept clear of tripping hazards
 - Do not leave tools, hoses, boxes, etc. in the aisle

- No pets are allowed in the garden except service animals
- Children will be supervised
- This is a non-smoking garden
- Garden plots remain the property of Payson Community Garden and are non-transferrable
- The garden is not open on Sunday. Days and times the garden is open vary during the growing season and are posted on the website and garden gate
- My garden will be cleaned at the end of the season as per season closing guidelines
- If health or other issues prevent you from maintaining your garden, please notify the garden staff as soon as possible to ensure your garden is properly transferred or fallowed for future use
 - Please let staff know your issues by using the “contact us” page on the website
 - www.paysoncommunitygarden.com

Water

PCG will automatically water each garden at least three (3) times a week, more or less often, depending on the weather conditions.

- Each gardener will supply a drip system with pressure compensating emitters and/or soaker system for their garden
 - The watering system specifications can be obtained at the garden, on the website Sprayers and sprinklers, are not approved for use in the garden
- Hand watering is NOT a substitute for the automatic watering system
- Newly planted seeds or plants may be hand watered
- There are three types of watering lines in the garden:
 - Farm faucets (burgundy): readily available for filling watering cans during the cold spring and winter seasons
 - Purple lines: Available for use with a hose for hand watering seedlings and transplants and may not be connected to automatic watering system in your garden
 - The purple lines are under very high pressure, which, will break drip/soaker systems
 - Yellow lines: Available in each garden to connect your watering system

Notifications:

- Watering issues will be flagged with a red flag and will be written on the white board on the shed wall
- Notifications by **phone**
 - Weeds, pest infested or diseased infected plants in need of treatment or removal
 - Messages will be left whenever possible and will be assumed to be “received;” no answering device, a full answering device, or wrong number is not the responsibility of the garden staff
 - Please keep your information up to date
- Notifications by **text**
 - Garden closures due to weather
 - Important additional topics

**PLEASE KEEP THE FIRST TWO PAGES OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION
RETURN SIGNED 3RD PAGE WITH YOUR CHECK**

My signature indicates that I have read, understand, and will act in accordance with the following important concepts:

- ***I understand that the Church of the Nazarene is providing the land free of charge***
 - ***I will hold the church, its members, and leadership harmless for all liability arising from my use of the property***
 - ***I understand that the Payson Community Garden staff are not responsible for my actions and will hold the garden staff harmless for all liability arising from my use of the property***
- ***Compliance with the Conditions of Participation***
- ***Volunteering for a minimum of five (5) hours***
- ***Not interfering with another garden unless asked to do so by the gardener***
- ***The garden staff will notify me when my garden needs attention; I have 24 hours to respond with a treatment plan. These issues include, but are not limited to:***
 - ***Treatment or removal of diseased and infested plants***
 - ***Broken water lines***
 - ***Unkempt garden space***
- ***If I do not respond to the notification and rectify the issue, the garden staff will:***
 - ***Remove diseased and insect infected plants***
 - ***Harvest my produce for the next food bank delivery***
 - ***Leave the water off to my garden until I fix it***
 - ***Consider an unkempt garden abandoned***
- ***Grounds for termination of the Garden Usage Contract***
 - ***Documented non-compliance with the Conditions of Participation such as: use of non-organic chemicals in my garden or abandoned gardens***
- ***If I have complied with all the provisions of this agreement, as a gardener in good standing I will have first “right-of-refusal” to use my garden in the next growing season***

I understand that I will receive garden messages by text for garden closings and other important garden information.

Primary (Printed name)

Primary Phone Number

Primary Home Address

Primary E-mail Address

Secondary (Printed Name)

Secondary Phone Number

Secondary Home Address

Secondary E-mail Address

Signature _____

Date _____