

**SCF COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT**  
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**Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Participation**

**Introduction**

***The HCFM Staff is the highest governing authority at the SCF Community Garden. Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of your plot.***

1. You will receive one verbal warning from HCFM staff.
2. If no response or correction has been made, you will receive written notice two weeks later.
3. In another two weeks, if no response or correction has been made, you will receive written final notification that you have forfeited your gardening privileges and plot.
4. You will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot only after one year, and only at the discretion of HCFM Staff.

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*If accepted as a gardener, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:*

1. I use this garden at the sole discretion of SCF Community Garden. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. The fee for the use of the garden is \$125 per 4 x 20 plot and \$75 per 4 x 12 plot, per year from the start of your contract. There are no refunds.
3. Once I have been assigned a plot, I will cultivate and plant it within three weeks. I will garden year round or maintain my plot according to HCFM staff. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for any period of three weeks or longer, more than one time a year.
4. My plot is 4 x 20 feet or 4 x 12 feet. I will not expand my plot beyond this measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants to grow more than four feet high. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases.
5. I will not plant anything that is invasive or considered a noxious weed. The full list of noxious plants for South Carolina can be found here: <https://www.invasive.org/species/list.cfm?id=20>.
6. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. I will completely separate my trash into three groups: 1) dead plants, leaves, and other green waste plant parts; 2) rocks, stones, and asphalt; and 3) paper, plastic, cardboard, wood, metal, etc. I will put each type of trash only in the areas designated specifically for each. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the Main Street Garden.

7. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, use illegal drugs, or gamble in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
8. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
9. I will attend the regular garden club meetings if scheduled.
10. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden without the written approval of HCFM Staff.
11. I will not make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give my key or lock combination to another person.
12. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
13. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
14. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.
15. I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property.

**Commitment**

*I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Main Street Community Garden.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Gardener*

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Caroline Sexton  
HCFM Executive Director*