

## WELCOME TO AMERICAN RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH

### ARCC GARDEN AGREEMENT, SAFE PRACTICES

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR NEIGHBORS TO GROW THEIR OWN HEALTHY FOOD IN A SAFE AND FRIENDLY PLACE WHILE EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE AND PRESENCE IN THEIR LIVES.

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GARDENER'S NAME(S)

This Gardening agreement applies to all who use this facility. We are happy to have you join us in our church family garden. American River Community Church (ARCC) was founded in 1948 by a group of Carmichael Christians. Over the years, we have built a reputation for serving Christ and providing avenues for those seeking spiritual meaning in their lives to connect with God. You are invited to garden with us and to worship with us.

It is ARCC's policy to maintain an environment free of harassment and discrimination. This includes actions and words. Please work to keep the garden a happy, secure and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully, in a neighborly manner.

ARCC's policy includes an alcohol-free, smoke-free, drug-free, gambling-free and weapon-free environment. We also support a safety policy that includes preventing injuries by providing a safety training class that everyone attends. Periodically you will have the chance to learn more about safety, gardening techniques, Christian education, organic gardening methods, health in the garden, and other topics of interest.

Included in the realm of safety is maintaining a clean environment. For your sake and that of others, each garden will be kept weed-free and clear of tools, hoses, and poisonous, illegal, and harmful plants. Trash will go home with each gardener. Please use on-site labeled containers to separate 1) green waste plant parts into compost, 2) rocks, asphalt and stones, 3) paper, plastic, wood, metal 4) cardboard and paper. Guests and visitors, including children, are the responsibility of the registered gardener. The garden will be pet-free. There is no restroom facility on the garden property so please plan accordingly.

Since water is an expense, the garden manager will provide guidelines for wise water use. Those who overuse water will incur an additional expense.

Respect for others and their gardens will make the garden a friendly and fun place. Harvest from your own garden, trade with others, share freely. You will see two other gardens on the property that are for 1) an elementary school and 2) for feeding the homeless in downtown Sacramento. Please take food that is from your plot only. If you wish to participate in the "Food for the Hungry" garden, please see the garden manager.

## YOUR GARDEN PLOT

You will have a plot 10'X14" to garden in. Each plot shares its borders with neighboring plots. Walking paths are denoted by bark chips. Your garden plot is yours from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual fee is \$30.00, \$50.00 for the larger garden plots. As mentioned above, water is an expense. If the garden's water bill becomes excessive, you may be asked to contribute a small portion to help pay the bill. Produce will not be sold as the community garden is not a commercial venture.

The church is not responsible for any loss or damage to the garden plots due to natural or unnatural causes including theft of produce or personal property.

Winter gardening in Sacramento produces a different season of vegetables to harvest. The garden manager will be glad to give you advice on creating a successful winter garden. Remember to keep your plot weed-free in winter, too.

Should you decide to stop gardening or take a break for a while, please contact the garden manager with your intentions.

This agreement is designed for your safety, health and pleasure. Please adhere to all policies. Infractions will be dealt with by personnel from ARCC and could eventually lead to the loss of your plot and your exclusion from the garden.

### COMMITMENT

I have read and understand the agreement and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the ARCC Community Garden. I forfeit my right to sue the property owners, those operating the garden, American River Community Church and its associates.

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

(Gardener)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Gardener's street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone # and contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid? [ ] yes**

**[ ] no**

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

(Garden Manager)

Plot Number(s) assigned to this gardener: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_