



**Giving Garden of Carrollton
2025 Adopt-A-Plot Application
and Agreement**

**Bed Number
Assigned**

New Members must complete an in-person interview with Board members before being invited to join. To request an interview, e-mail us at: join@givinggardenofcarrollton.org.

Full Name: _____

Cell Ph: (required): _____

Email (required): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact Info (Required)	
Name:	
Cell Ph:	
Relationship:	

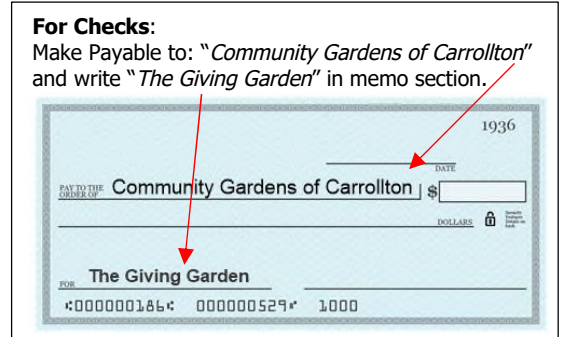
List name(s) of those who will be working with you on your plot:

Birthday (mm/dd): _____

\$40/yr. per bed (Mark Method of Payment): Cash Zelle (To: contact@GivingGardenOfCarrollton.org) Check

I give permission to release to the media or use for garden purposes any photographs taken of myself or my family at the garden. **[Please Initial box.]**

I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the "Policy Agreement" and the "Code of Conduct" as stated on pages 2 and 3 of this *Adopt-A-Plot Application and Agreement*. **[Please Initial box.]**



Print your name then sign and date in the space below.

I, _____, agree to adhere to all rules, guidelines, policies, and Code of Conduct of the Giving Garden of Carrollton. I understand The Giving Garden of Carrollton, its Officers and Directors, and Aldersgate United Methodist Church are not responsible for my actions.

I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GIVING GARDEN OF CARROLLTON, ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, AND ALDRSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS, OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail this completed and signed form along with your payment to:

The Giving Garden of Carrollton
ATTN: Treasurer
PO Box 111175, Carrollton, TX 75011

Giving Garden of Carrollton Policy Agreement

- The use and access to a plot is a privilege and not a right. Failure to comply with any of the following policies, Code of Conduct, or other stipulations included in the "Adopt-A-Plot Agreement" will result in termination of your plot agreement and removal from the garden, and/or loss of the privilege to renew. There will be no refund or proration of fees paid for early termination.**
(Please Initial **ALL** Boxes to Indicate your understanding and agreement.)

This agreement allows the signer the use of a garden plot from **January 1, 2025**, through **December 31, 2025**, unless otherwise terminated.

General Information

- Carrollton residents receive priority consideration for garden membership. One plot per household.
- Garden plot fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

To complete registration, you will need to do the following:

- Pay for your plot lease and sign and return the Adopt-a-Plot Agreement. Make all checks payable to "Community Gardens of Carrollton" with "Giving Garden" written in memo section
- Attend the annual spring kick-off meeting.
- Sign the Giving Garden Code of Conduct whenever applying or renewing membership in the garden.

Incomplete registrations will not be accepted or approved, and no beds will be assigned unless all paperwork is completed.

Garden Rules Summary

- This is an organic garden: no pesticides/herbicides not approved for organic use allowed. Only natural or organic products may be used. You will be immediately removed from the program for unauthorized pesticide or herbicide use.
- To be considered for continued membership and annual renewal, you must average at least two (2) hours of volunteer community work per month.
- Volunteer hours are to be reported monthly on the WIX intranet site.
- No smoking or vaping is allowed on garden premises.
- Pets are not allowed in the garden.
- Children under 15 years of age must be supervised by an adult.

Prohibited Plants

- No federally controlled plants.
- No mint, cane fruits such as raspberries, blackberries, and blueberries, except in pots.
- Tobacco and hemp plants are prohibited.
- Other plants may be prohibited if they become a nuisance.

Water Use

- No automatic watering systems allowed. You must be present to water.
- Turn water off after each use both from spigot and water wand.
- Store hoses and wands on holders after each use.
- Immediately report any broken water connections or leaking hoses to a board member.
- Place a blue noodle in your bed if you are out of town and wish your bed to be watered or ask a watering buddy.

Community Tool shed and Gates

- Do not share tool shed lock combination with anyone not a garden member.
- All tools and equipment must be cleaned of dirt and debris prior to returning to their proper location. If you are unsure where to place the item, ask another gardener or board member.
- Do not store personal items in tool sheds.
- Do not abandon unwanted items in or around tool sheds.
- Tool sheds must be kept locked.
- Gates are to always remain closed.
- Do not borrow tools for home use.

Garden Plot Upkeep

- Bed is to be fully planted and weed free during entire growing seasons.
- Keep hoses, trellises, hoops, or tomato cages neatly stored or inside your bed.
- Keep produce harvested: do not allow crops to rot in plots.
- Never pick produce from another gardener's bed unless given prior approval.
- Tools located in the shed may be used by any gardener. However, each gardener is responsible for their own gardening supplies. (e.g., seeds, fertilizers, transplants, etc.)

Volunteer Requirements

- You are required to sign up for and complete a harvest or delivery assignment on five (5) separate dates in the calendar year. (Doing both on same day will only count as a single date.)
- Gardeners agree to donate at least 50% of their produce to weekly or biweekly harvests. Everything that is ripe and ready will be donated on harvest day unless a red noodle is in the bed.
- Gardeners agree to complete and report an average of at least two (2) hours per month (24 hours per year) of community work in the garden, **not including work in their own bed**. A list of volunteer activities is posted on the shed door or ask a board member for ideas.

Concerns, Problems, & Dispute Resolution

- Get to know your neighbors. Talk to each other to resolve disputes.
- Positive, constructive, problem-solving communication is our key to success in the garden.
- For issues you feel you cannot resolve, please contact a garden board member.
- If issues are escalated, all involved parties agree to abide by the Giving Garden Board decision.

Code of Conduct

All participants in The Giving Garden Community Garden Program (hereafter "Gardeners") agree to the following:

- Gardeners will act with courtesy towards others in the garden, respecting privacy, and personal safety.
- If a gardener's actions or statements are disruptive or derogatory and negatively impacts other's peaceful enjoyment of the garden, their plot lease will be terminated without refund.
- No physical, verbal, or written abuse of any kind will be tolerated.
- Gardeners shall always observe rules and regulations as laid out in the Policy Agreement and The Giving Garden Adopt-a-Plot Agreement and this Code of Conduct.
- Gardeners will not commit harassment of any person including:
 - > Laying a hand upon, striking, or threatening another person.
 - > Engaging in obscene gestures or objectionable demonstrations.
 - > Using foul or abusive language (e.g., swearing, etc.) in the presence of any garden member, volunteer, or community member.
 - > Engaging in abusive written or electronic communications with any garden member.

Gardeners shall leave any portion of the garden immediately upon being told by a Giving Garden board member or Aldersgate United Methodist Church representative.

The Giving Garden Board reserves the right to resolve disputes and to enforce all rules, policies, and guidelines. Any Giving Garden Board member shall have the authority to enforce the terms of this Code. **The Board's decisions are final** and failure to comply with any decision may result in the following action, including (but not limited to):

1. Permanent or temporary removal from the garden area.
2. Permanent or temporary restriction in garden participation.
3. Temporary suspension or permanent termination from the program without right of readmission.

No refund of fees shall be given for any suspension or termination from the program.

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Bed #: _____