

## **THE BEST COMMUNITY GARDEN BY-LAWS**

Gardening hours will be dawn to dusk on Monday through Saturday and 1PM to dusk on Sundays.

Plots must have at least three planted rows by May 15 (weather permitting) of the year or be forfeited to someone on the waiting list.

Plot holders must attend a meeting at the beginning of the year (April 2, 2009 at the YMCA at 7:00 PM) and at the end of the growing season (around Oct. 31, 2009).

Only plants listed under rules and regulations will be approved for planting.

Plot holders promise to devote at least 1-2 hours per week to their own plots and to the overall community garden throughout the growing season.

All paths and plots must be kept free of trash, weeds, etc., by the plot holders. Compost piles will be marked and available for plot holders.

No stealing of anything is permitted. Should it become known that you have taken anything: vegetables, tools, hose, plants or anything else, you will lose your plot immediately.

Crops must be harvested once they are mature. If you do not feel you can use all of harvest, items will be given away or sold for the food pantry at the local farmer's market on each Saturday during the growing season. Please let your garden coordinator know if you have more than you can use.

If you want someone to work your plot or pick your vegetables when you are sick or away, give that person a signed note.

All plots will be inspected three times during the growing season. Plots that have not been planted, are weedy, or do not meet the rules and regulations will be notified. Failure to respond within 14 days will result in forfeiture of the plot.

Participants are encouraged to give a small portion of their harvest or of their time to the food pantry.

Any rules to be added to these by-laws must be approved by a majority of the participating gardeners.

All participants must sign the RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LEGAL LIABILITY form.

Any conflicts among gardeners will be referred by the coordinators of the garden.

I understand all these rules and regulations and promise to follow them.

Signature of the Gardener \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_

**Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Memo of Understanding will be returned to applicant once application is approved before the April 2, 2009 meeting at the YMCA.**