

BASTROP COMMUNITY GARDEN

Bastrop YMCA, City of Bastrop and Bastrop County Master Gardener Association ("BCMGA"),

herein referred to as ("Garden Committee")

Bastrop Community Garden (BCG) 2017 Membership / Plot Registration Form

Please mail form to BCMGA at 901 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602 or email form to BCMGA78602@GMAIL.COM:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email address(es): _____

Phone(s) (indicate home, work, or cell): _____

Sharing plot with: _____ Plot #: _____

Committee(s):

I would like to help with: Communications _____ Community Harvest _____ Education _____

Fund-raising _____ Landscaping _____ Garden Committee (help manage Garden - must have a plot) _____

Other ways I would like to help: _____

Please read the statements below and initial to indicate your agreement:

___ I agree to maintain my plot and the surrounding pathways, keeping them free of weeds and pests and rotting fruits/vegetables.

___ I agree to actively garden my plot at least one season per year, and to keep it mulched and tended at other times of the year.

___ I agree to contribute to the maintenance of the garden by participating in at least 3 work days per year. If I can't help with at least 3 work days, I will ask the Garden Committee how else to help.

___ If I decide not to continue gardening, I agree to clean up my plot and leave it ready to garden for the next gardener.

___ I agree to abide by the Garden Committee's Rules and Regulations, which I have read carefully.

I assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of the activities and transportation to and from the activities. I do further hereby release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Garden Committee, their sponsors, supervisors, instructors, officials, and/or all of them. In case of injury or sickness during any activity or practice, I likewise waive all claims against the Garden Committee, sponsors, any supervisors, or instructors appointed by them. If I am unable to be contacted, the Garden Committee has permission to obtain proper medical attention.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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Rules and Guidelines

Welcome to the Bastrop Community Garden (“Garden”). The rules and guidelines were developed and intended to create boundaries that allow everyone to enjoy and reap the benefits of the Community Garden. Many people working together in community created, and will sustain, this Garden. Above all, in our interactions with one another, please treat every person with respect, remembering that each of us brings different gifts and limitations.

Rules versus guidelines. Rules are objective and enforceable and may lead to plot forfeiture if not followed. Guidelines either simply inform or offer suggestions about how we would like to act in community, but carry no “penalty” if not followed. The YMCA, City of Bastrop and Bastrop County Master Gardener Association are hereinafter referred to the “Garden Committee”.

Gardening Courtesy:

- Children are VERY welcome in the Garden; children younger than 13 must be under adult supervision.
- The Garden area is a pet-free, alcohol-free, and tobacco-free zone (Service Dogs are allowed).
- No vandalism or stealing (this includes tools, seeds, vegetables, etc.)
- Explicit permission must be given for anyone to harvest produce from or do anything in another’s plot (but see harvesting exception below).
- Communication among gardeners is encouraged! However, be respectful of others’ desires to enjoy solitude.
- Use earphones when listening to music or radio unless you are alone in the Garden (or only friends working in your plot are present).

Plot Responsibility:

- Each plot must be planted for at least one season per year and mulched in any season it is not planted, or the plot will be forfeited. If a plot appears to be neglected, notify the Garden Committee. Perceived problems with another gardener’s plot should be reported to the Garden Committee if you cannot contact the gardener directly.
- Plots must be consistently maintained to minimize weeds, diseased plants, and pests. If you cannot maintain your plot, notify the Garden Committee.
- The Garden Committee will notify the Plotholder of any plot that appears neglected and give the Plotholder 2 weeks to clean up the plot. If not cleaned up within that time, the plot will be re-assigned. Plotholders will be allowed two such incidents of plot neglect followed by Garden Committee contact in one calendar year. On the third incident in one year, the plot will be re-assigned, and the Plotholder must wait one year before being assigned another plot.
- If ripe produce is not harvested in a timely manner, the Garden Committee may contact the Plotholder. If no response is received within 72 hours, the Garden Committee may appoint someone to harvest the produce and donate it to charity. Plotholders will be informed of any such harvesting. If you require assistance with plot maintenance in general, you are encouraged to send an email to the Garden Committee requesting a time to discuss.
- Maintenance of walkways and common areas is an ongoing group effort requiring support from all Plotholders. Each Plotholder must maintain (clean, weed, and mulch) the walkways around your own plot, and help maintain other common areas.
- Each Plotholder should participate in at least 3 work days per year. If you cannot participate in at least 3 work days, ask the Garden Committee how else you can help.
- Woody perennial plants are not permitted in plots. Trees are not permitted in the plots.

- Water is provided by YMCA and is set on a timer. Unattended watering is not permitted unless approved by the Garden Committee. Water conservation is encouraged! Report any water leaks to the Garden Committee. Major leaks (such as a broken pipe) should be reported to the City Water Department immediately.
- **Please email the Garden Committee when you have visited the garden noting the time and number of gardeners working your plot. We must account for the time spent in the Garden, as well as the types and approximate weight of the harvested vegetables/herbs for records required by the YMCA and Texas A&M AgriLife.**

Structures:

- Chemically-treated lumber may not be used to construct raised beds or placed in contact with soil in plots or where produce is grown.
- Plants in plots shall be less than 4 feet tall. Please try to avoid shading neighboring plots.
- No fencing is allowed without approval from the Garden Committee.

Weed, Pest, and Disease Control:

- Organic gardening methods are strongly encouraged. If your plants have a pest or disease problem that you do not know how to handle, you are encouraged to contact the Garden Committee for assistance or advice.
- Chemicals (fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides) may only be used within your own plot after receiving permission from the Garden Committee to use the chemicals of choice, and must be applied only during calm weather and in such a manner that they remain within plot boundaries.

General: Each gardener is responsible for knowing and abiding by the Garden Rules. Violation of the Garden rules may result in re-assignment of your plot to another individual. The Garden Committee does not make any guarantees that your garden will not be vandalized by squirrels or persons.

Happy Gardening!

I have read, and agree to abide by, the Bastrop Community Garden rules. If I have any problems in the Garden that I cannot resolve, I will seek assistance from the Garden Committee in a timely manner.

Signed Date

Printed Name Plot #