***Guidelines for the Learning Garden***

The purpose of the Learning Garden is to provide education in horticulture to the community and members. We also donate produce that is grown in our pantry garden to nonprofit groups in our community.

♦ Chairs in charge of a plot (plot chairs) will submit a garden plan to the Learning Garden (LG) Chairman and budget to the finance committee the preceding fall. Chairs will be responsible for purchasing any plants, seeds or other materials needed for their garden plus submitting receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement. *Growing plants from seed in the polyhouse is encouraged*. The Treasurer box for the purpose of depositing receipts can be found in the Coordinator’s office.

♦ The plot chairperson and their crew will be responsible for planting their plot in a timely manner and cleaning up in the fall. They are also responsible for maintaining the plot throughout the growing season which includes but not limited to weeding, watering, pruning, deadheading and mulching.

♦ All plot chairpersons and their crew will take part in the maintenance of the common areas. This includes the weeding and mulching of paths around their garden, emptying the trash can next to the Education Building to the dumpster in the Extension parking lot, taking recycling to the recycle bins, and keeping the garden as a whole neat and tidy.

♦ Plot chairs should be available for the annual Open House and also consider presenting a class or workshop based on the theme of their garden for Lawn Chair Learning programming.

♦ Non-compostable debris will be placed in the trash can at the Education Center. Compostable materials– with the exception of diseased plants—will be placed in the compost bin located between the Learning Garden and Pantry Garden. Diseased plants need to be placed in the dumpster in Extension parking lot.

♦ Anyone using hoses and watering in the learning garden is to follow the Hose Use and Care Guidelines posted in the Education Center. Tools from the Education Center will be cleaned and returned to the Education Center when finished. Last member out of the garden will make sure the Education Center is locked, water is off at all 4 areas and gates are securely closed.

♦ All plot requests, plot size changes, concerns or compliments need to be referred to LG Chairman.

♦ Land lab design or exterior protective border changes or concerns needs to be presented to board members for review.

♦ For the sake of safety, it is recommended that members should try to have a “buddy” with them when working in the garden.

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the above guidelines by signing my name below.

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Submit to Learning Garden Chairman for filing.

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