



Dorothy's Garden: A Community Garden on Miller Street Bed Agreement - 2021

Fees: Residents of HOME Corp properties are charged \$30 for the use of one garden bed. Non-residents are charged \$50 per bed. Garden beds are available to lease per garden season, May through November. There is one ADA accessible garden bed available. Beds are available on a first-come first-served basis.

Rules and Regulations

1. Gardeners must be at least 18 years old and are not permitted to bring guests with them during the 2021 season. If a gardener is absent for a week and someone else will be tending, please notify the Garden Manager at garden@homecorp.org. In previous years, additional co-gardeners were permitted – we are not permitting during the pandemic.
2. CDC rules regarding COVID-19 and social distancing are ever-evolving. Gardeners are expected to follow all federal and local rules and guidelines. In addition, gardeners recognize that others may exercise additional caution for various reasons. For this reason, gardeners will work for no more than one hour per day if a gardener at an adjacent bed is waiting to enter the garden.
3. Garden beds at all times remain the property of the HOME Corp (excluding the crops), and are nontransferable, which means that should a gardener not be able to maintain their bed, the Garden Manager should be notified immediately by email at: garden@homecorp.org. The garden bed will be offered to the next person on the waiting list for the bed is non-refundable. After the fee is paid in full and the signed contract submitted, the gardener will be assigned a bed.
4. As long as the bed is maintained and the gardener abides by the rules and regulations outlined in this contract, they will be permitted to renew membership the following season. Due to the current space limitations and demand, only one garden bed per person will be assigned. In the case of full capacity, a waiting list will be created and each person will be notified in the order received when a bed is available. Requests for a second bed will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will only be entertained if the waiting list has been exhausted.
5. Gardeners must use their own gardening tools. Gardeners should remove their tools when not in the garden. HOME Corp is not responsible for lost or stolen tools.
6. Gardeners must keep their garden bed and bed perimeter maintained regularly including: control of weeds, pests and disease with organic products (as found on the Organic Materials Review Institute's list at <https://www.omri.org>) staking plants to keep plants within



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the bed, harvesting plants upon maturity and disposing of waste in the proper place. If you are unable to maintain your bed, please notify the garden manager immediately. If a bed is not maintained or becomes abandoned, the following steps will be taken:

- A written (emailed) warning will be given to the gardener.
 - If, after another 7 days, the violation has not ceased or been fixed, the bed will be forfeited, and the gardener will lose their privileges and plot for the remainder of the season and will not offered a plot the following season.
7. Vegetables must be harvested when they ripen.
- If you cannot harvest your produce in a timely fashion the garden management reserves the right to first notify you, then pick the produce so it can be donated. Gardeners must monitor and immediately treat plant diseases and pests.
 - Remove all your trimmings and prunings by taking them home in your bucket at the end of your gardening session; keep the garden sanitary.
 - There will be no composting on site this year (2021) as the compost bins are being refurbished.
 - Pets are prohibited from entering the garden.
 - Be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior to the garden management at garden@homecorp.org
8. Closing Day – Mandatory cleanup for beds and adjacent spaces: The date will be announced, and weather dependent. Typically, between October 15th and November 30th.
9. Volunteering -- All gardeners must volunteer one (1) hour per month during the season to help with general garden chores.
- Primary Volunteer Activity: This includes weeding the fenced Community Garden perimeter, watering flowers around the Community Garden perimeter, and overall helping to keep the garden space and shed looking neat and tidy.
10. Access to Beds: Participants will have access to the beds during daylight hours.
11. There are no restrooms on-site.
12. Parking: Parking at the Miller Street property is by permit only. Gardeners are not permitted to park on the property without a resident permit.



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Community Garden Membership Agreement: By signing below, I agree that I have read and understood this application, including the obligations & rules for participation at Dorothy's Garden and that I hereby agree to waive, indemnify and save and hold harmless HOME Corp, the management of Dorothy's Garden and its agents and volunteers charged with the administration of the garden, from and against any liability, damage, loss or claim arising out of, in connection with, or in any way related to the community garden, by me or any of my family or guests, agents, or invitees. This waiver includes but is not limited to damages arising out of personal injury and/or damage to property. This waiver shall survive any termination of this agreement.

Gardener's Signature: Please sign (electronically) and email the completed application to garden@homecorp.org. Note that applications will only be accepted via email and will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. We will not accept mailed, faxed or hand-delivered applications. Once the application is received and approved, an email will be sent requesting payment. Until the application is approved and the payment received, no gardener has permission to begin work.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____ Can we text to this number? Yes No

Home Address:
