

Somerset Community Garden

— Registration Form —

Each garden plot is 10' x 10'.

The annual fee is \$25 per garden plot, and is due with this form at your initial registration and/or by May 1 of each following year.*

**If you are renewing your commitment for another year, you will need to contact the coordinator by April 10 to confirm whether you would like to continue for another year.*

If the coordinator does not hear from you, it will be assumed that you are not interested in another year of community gardening, and your plot may be offered to the next gardener on the waiting list.

Checks should be made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (write "Somerset Community Garden" in the memo line), and mailed with this form to: 1640 Amwell Road, Somerset, NJ 08873.

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State NJ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Primary purpose for joining the Community Garden (check all that apply):

- I want to grow my own healthy vegetables
- I want to grow flowers for my home and friends
- I am looking for more outdoor activities
- I want to have a family project to work on with my spouse/children/grandchildren
- I want to learn more about growing, harvesting and preserving my own food
- I want to learn more about natural gardening methods and composting

I understand that neither the community garden group nor owners of the land are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

I have read & agree to the Somerset Community Garden Behavior Covenant, and will participate in the Somerset Community Garden for the coming year.

Signature

Date

Name (Please print)

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— Behavior Covenant —

Somerset Community Garden promises to provide a fenced garden plot, along with access to water. In addition, the Community Garden will provide the opportunity for gardeners to learn and grow in their gardening skills. The Community Garden will also provide space & time to create and maintain friendships with other members of the Community Garden, as well as opportunities for service to our neighbors.

To assist with this community endeavor, I promise:

- I will pay an **annual fee of \$25** to help cover garden expenses.
- I will have something planted in the garden by **June 1st** and keep it planted all summer long, otherwise forfeit my plot
- I will clear my garden plot of all plant material, tools and garden implements by **October 31**.
- If I do not clean your plot by the end of the season, I **cannot renew** my plot next year
- I will respect the garden's hours of operation: **Monday through Saturday, 7am to dusk; Sunday, 12pm to dusk**.
- I will **not plant** any illegal plants, any trees or shrubs, any perennials, or strawberries, sweet potatoes, ginger, garlic, asparagus, rhubarb, or berries
- I will keep weeds at a minimum and maintain the areas immediately surrounding my plot.
- I will not use industrial/artificial pesticides, fungicides, or weed repellents. I will assure that any fertilizer I use will not affect any other plots.
- If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden leadership. If my plot becomes unkempt, I understand I will be given 2 weeks' notice to clean it up. At that time, it will be re-assigned.
- I will keep trash and litter out of the plot, as well as from adjacent pathways and fences.
- I will not use fencing or other garden edging/dividers taller than 18 inches in my garden plot.
- I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots, arranging bean poles and trellises along an east/west line rather than north/south, in order to preserve my neighbors' access to sunshine.
- I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another gardener.
- I will not waste water by leaving a running hose unattended. I will conserve resources by watering only in the early morning or late afternoon/evening on high temperature days.
- I agree to volunteer a portion of my time toward the Community Garden, in particular, **Garden Work Days**, the **Spring Opening** (First Saturday in May) & the **Fall Clean-up & Closing** (Last Saturday in October).
- If I bring my children and grandchildren to the garden, I will supervise them at all times.
- I will not bring pets to the garden (service animals are exempt).
- I will not smoke in the garden, or bring or consume alcohol or illegal substances on the entire site, including the parking lot.
- I will respect the other members of the Community Garden, and will seek to love my neighbor at all times through my words and actions by speaking honestly and respectfully to one another, and by dealing openly with disagreements or disputes as they may arise.
- I will contact the Community Garden coordinator before April 10 to confirm whether I would like to continue for another year. I understand that, if the coordinator does not hear from me, she will assume I am not interested in another year of community gardening, and my plot may be offered to the next gardener on the waiting list.

GARDENERS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT RESTROOMS ARE NOT GENERALLY AVAILABLE.

****Please sign the form on the reverse, to indicate your agreement with this behavior covenant.****