

**MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE ARVADA GARDENERS 2019**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Plot #: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_\_ or Family \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contributions and abilities that you can bring to Arvada Community Garden:

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As a garden member, what is it that you would like to achieve:

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Additional Names on Plot:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

The Arvada Gardeners is a working organization in which members are expected to make a commitment of your time, abilities and participation in garden activities. You will need to adhere to the rules in the maintenance of garden grounds, your plot, and the supervision of the garden as a Gardener in Charge (GIC) during the season.

There is a minimum of 15 communal hours PER PLOT, that you need to complete during the growing season. These hours can be completed by participating in monthly Saturday morning workdays, GIC hours, serving as an officer or committee chair, working events and festivals or any other time you spend working on the maintenance of the garden grounds. You are responsible for keeping track of your hours. Workday and festivals and other activities will have sign-in sheets to note your hours. Other hours can be recorded on the task sheet clipboard located in the gazebo or by sending an email to [arvadagardenhours@gmail.com](mailto:arvadagardenhours@gmail.com) Summary of hours will be published monthly and it will be your responsibility to check the summary and reconcile any difference with the volunteer coordinator.

Gardeners who do NOT complete their 15 hour requirement and desire to return the following year will be assessed an additional payment of \$50. If this happens a second time you will not be offered renewal.

Gardeners who do NOT clean up their plot at the end of the season (November 16<sup>th</sup>) and desire to return the following year will be assessed an additional payment of \$15.

The business of the Arvada Gardeners is accomplished at monthly meetings open to the public. While attendance at the monthly meetings is encouraged, it is not required.

Communication among the Arvada Gardeners is accomplished through email and the website. [www.arvadagardeners.org](http://www.arvadagardeners.org) If you choose not to provide an email address and do not have website access, it will be your responsibility to contact someone in the membership to obtain any information that is sent out. Note that the Arvada Library has free computers for your use and many email accounts are also free.

As a gardener, you are allowed privileges and voting rights. You have ONE vote per PLOT. You DO need to be a resident of Arvada unless previously grandfathered.

As a new gardener, you will need to attend a scheduled orientation, and scheduled classes for the use of power equipment and water pumps. Returning gardeners are responsible for keeping current on changes which may occur to the operation of the garden.

As a garden member, the dues are as follows:

- \$40.00 for an approximately 12' X 20' plot.
- \$25.00 for (a limited number) of more accessible raised beds, 4' X 8' plots

Dues allow you access to the garden daily from dawn to dusk and water privileges with training.

As a garden member you will need to sign a release waiver for yourself and ANY other individuals that may assist you in the garden, (family, friends, neighbors,) however, YOU need to be present in the garden at all times along with any of these individuals unless they have also gone through the orientation.

## **AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I am applying for a gardening plot for personal use by myself and immediate household. I agree to study and follow the rules and other directions of the Arvada Gardeners pertaining to the use of the plot and associated gardening area contained in the Orientation Booklet.

I understand that I may not give or transfer use of my plot to any other person without permission of the Arvada Gardeners, and that doing so will result in loss of the plot for all involved.

I recognize and am aware there are inherent hazards associated with gardening and the use of related facilities and tools such as but not limited to:

- tripping, slipping or falling on garden property
- health hazards associated with the use of pesticides
- injury from the breakage of garden tools
- insect bites, stings, and injury thru encounters with rodents, reptiles or other animals
- heat stroke or exhaustion
- allergic reactions to plants, etc.
- abrasion and cuts from various sources
- violent weather and other acts of God

I and my family members release all claims which may arise against, and agree not to sue the Arvada Gardeners and/or the city of Arvada and their members, officers, agents, employees and authorized volunteers on our behalf as a result of participating in the Arvada Gardeners gardening program.

I and my family members further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Arvada Gardeners and/or the City of Arvada and their members, officers, agents, employees and authorized volunteers from any and all claims by other parties resulting from injuries, damages and losses caused by me and/or my family members arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the Arvada Gardeners gardening program.

In the event of any emergency, I authorize Arvada Gardeners members and/or Arvada city officials to secure from any licensed hospital, physician, and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for me or my family's immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.

I have read and understand the above two pages of information.

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Signature

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Date

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Arvada Gardeners member witness

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Date