

SHEPHERD'S FIELD GARDEN APPLICATION

Shepherd's Field P. O. Box 714 Sumner, WA 98390
Location: 245 Valley Ave. E., Sumner, WA Email: shepherdsfield2013@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Day Phone: _____

GARDENER INFORMATION

- I am a new gardener.
- I am a returning gardener requesting my same plot, # _____
- I am a returning gardener requesting a plot change/addition _____

PLOT FEE

- I would like to reserve _____ block(s) (each approx. 300 sq.ft.) for \$40 per plot for a total due of \$ _____

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT (Choose one or the other below.)

- I commit to volunteering at least four hours toward the community garden this season.
- I am including an extra \$40 fee with my application in lieu of my volunteer hours.

DONATION

- Enclosed is a donation of \$ _____ to the community garden fund.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ with check # _____ payable to Shepherd's Field Garden.

The undersigned adult on behalf of themselves, their child/children agree to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless Christ the King Lutheran Church, Shepherd's Field Garden and any of their agents; from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments or costs of any kind whatsoever arising out of or in any way resulting from the activities of said individual in the garden program(s).

You are required to print out, read, and sign the application (page 1) and the guideline (page 2) forms prior to participating in the community garden. Return the completed, signed application form and the signed guideline form (**both** forms must be signed) along with payment to Shepherd's Field Garden, P.O. Box 714, Sumner, WA, 98390. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to returning participants. For further questions and information, please email shepherdsfield2013@gmail.com Shepherd's Field is a 100% volunteer-powered organization. Volunteers will do our best to respond to inquiries within 10 working days. We look forward to gardening with you! ☺

SIGNATURE

DATE

SHEPHERD'S FIELD GARDEN GUIDELINES

www.shepherdsfield2013@gmail.com

1. We will accept applications on a first-come, first-serve basis. When assigning plots, the Garden Committee will give priority to returning gardeners. Returning gardeners are allowed to retain their previous season's plot, when possible, or have top priority in requesting a new plot **if they renew their application by April 1**. Applications for new gardeners will be accepted when plots are available. Please contact the Garden Committee at www.shepherdsfield2013@gmail.com for general questions, clarifications or availability of plots; please allow 7-10 days for response. New gardeners must verify availability of plot prior to paying---no refunds. **No one allowed to plant before payment has been received.**
 2. All gardeners must attend a brief orientation at the garden site prior to cultivating their plot. This is to ensure that everyone has knowledge of systems such as watering, equipment, compost, etc. Orientation times and dates will be set up via e-mail or phone.
 3. As the gardens are maintained and managed totally by volunteers, it is vital to the garden's success that everyone contributes some volunteer time. **All gardeners will be required to contribute a minimum of 4 hours volunteer time** during the summer months (or a \$40 fee must be included with your registration in the event that volunteer time is an impossibility). There are jobs available for all ages and physical conditions.
 4. Our goal is to have an organic garden. Please check with your local garden store, the Master Gardeners website, or neighboring gardeners for organic means of dealing with gardening problems. In the event that an organic solution is not a viable option to a severe problem, an alternative solution can be submitted to the Garden Committee for consideration.
 5. Gardeners are responsible for cultivating, weeding and watering their own plots. Your plot needs to be in a cultivated status by June 15 out of respect for other gardeners. Plots that appear to be abandoned and full of weeds may be subject to reassignment with fees forfeited. Please keep your plot(s) maintained year round.
 6. Supervised kids are encouraged to respectfully participate in all the joys of gardening.
 7. **Crops over 6' tall are not allowed in individual plots** due to the shadow effect it may cause neighboring gardeners. Corn, pole beans, sunflowers, etc **may be allowed in the center of a large plot (4-plot or larger) if approved before planting by the Garden Committee.**
 8. Please do not walk through plots that are not your own.
 9. Water is very expensive. **You may NOT leave water on if you are not at the garden**, this includes the use of water timing devices. Please use water wisely and conserve---the garden soil does not need constant watering.
 10. Common-sense list of No's:
 - No pets**
 - No motorized vehicles except for small rototillers
 - No garbage cans are available at the garden site so please take your garbage home with you
 - No disrespectful behavior
 - No invasive plants
 - No taking produce that is not yours
 - No tobacco
 11. These guidelines are subject to change. You are responsible for checking your e-mail or the garden bulletin board for updated information throughout the year.
- I have read the guidelines and agree to abide by them. I understand that my failure to comply may result in termination and reassignment of garden plots with no fees refunded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

