

Hickory Neck Gardening Agreement. 2022

God has called each of us to be good stewards of our resources. Hickory Neck Episcopal Church is blessed to have a large campus that offers us the opportunity to provide space for gardening. With that resource, we hope to encourage our neighbors to build a community around healthy homegrown food while enjoying the resources of creation that God has given us for our care.

In order to share mutual understanding and expectations, we each agree to follow the current rules and guidelines of this garden as established by Hickory Neck Church.

So that we can build a community around this garden, I agree to abide by the following:

1. I agree to utilize organic growing practices. I will not use synthetic chemical fertilizers, insecticides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other plots. I will be especially mindful of using sprays that can drift into other plots.
2. I understand that the garden committee is the only entity who can assign garden plots.
3. I understand that I must sign the garden contract every year and pay a fee for my assigned plot(s). The current fee per individual or family is \$20 for the first plot, \$15 for the second plot, and \$10 each for any additional plots. Income will be used for maintenance of the common areas and to reimburse the church for water use. I will generally begin planting my garden by May 1 of the current year.
4. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden committee and remove any weed control fabric, stakes, and plant supports, unless specifically given permission not to.
5. If obvious inattention to my plot is noticeable, I understand that I will receive a message from the garden committee. If there is a personal situation that needs attention, please notify the garden committee and allowances may be made. Otherwise, at that time, it may be reassigned .
6. I will keep trash and litter out of the common areas, and garden debris out of adjacent pathways between plots. Garden debris (garden vegetation only) may be dumped in designated areas to the rear of the plot area, far enough back to allow driving space for 2 cars to pass each other. There is a dumpster located across the parking lot (inside the wooden gated area next to the church office) for trash and litter.
7. I will pick only my own crops unless given permission by another plot user.
8. I understand that pets are allowed in the garden area only on a leash and must be cleaned up after.
9. I understand that access to the garden is restricted to daylight and twilight hours only.
10. I will limit the volume of any music.
11. Vehicle access will be only from the far right side of the parking lot, There is no access in front of, nor close to the right or left side of the church building.
12. I understand that I am not to leave the running garden hose unattended for more than 15 minutes. I will remain in the garden area while watering my plot.
- 13 The shed is for storage of garden tools and supplies. I will treat tools and garden carts with respect and return them to shed or proper storage area after use. I will put my name on any tools or garden supplies that I don't intend to share with others. Otherwise, tools will generally be thought of as for use by all gardeners, to be cleaned if necessary and returned to the shed after use. I will lock shed before leaving garden area unless other gardeners are around who are also using it. It is to be locked when the garden area is not being used.
14. I understand that I should not sell my crops for profit.

By signing this agreement I acknowledge my willingness to abide by the rules and guidelines. Additionally, I understand that neither the garden group nor HNC are responsible for my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND HNC FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Please Print:

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s)

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

Garden Committee:

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Please print, fill out and return this page (with your check made out to Hickory Neck Church and with "Community Garden" written in the memo line) to:

Hickory Neck Episcopal Church

Attn: Fred Boelt

8300 Richmond Road

Toano, VA 23168

Admin:

Date/Amount Paid	Number of Plots assigned
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One plot \$20; two plots \$35; Three plots \$45