

# Deer Lodge Community Garden

I, (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the following guidelines at the Deer Lodge Community Garden (DLCG).

**I agree** to pay the seasonal **\$15** rental fee for my outside 4x8 garden plot. And **\$15** for a handicap bed. Gardeners are required to pay a **\$20** deposit, refunded after the garden season is complete and your plot is cleaned up and you have attended the Community Garden designated cleanup days.

**Greenhouse** seasonal rental fees are **\$20** with a **\$20** deposit that will be refunded after the gardening season, providing your plot is cleaned up and you have attended the Community Garden designated cleanup days. All plots are 4'x4'. If a plot is bought in the greenhouse, Gardener can also have a plot outside for free.

**Rental fees** are due by May 15. If you are a returning Gardener and you have not paid by that date, your plot may be reassigned to another waiting gardener and you will forfeit your deposit.

**I understand** that all watering, weeding and general upkeep of my rented plot and the area around it is my responsibility. If you are out of town, it is up to you to make arrangements for watering your plot.

**I understand** that neither DLCG or the City of Deer Lodge are responsible for my actions. I therefore agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless DLCG and the City of Deer Lodge for any liability, damage, loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden by me or any of my guests.

**I understand** that harassment and threatening behavior is unacceptable at the DLCG and will not be tolerated. Reports of such activities will be acted on quickly. Continued actions will be grounds for immediate eviction from the site and loss of all plot rental fees and deposits.

**If I have a complaint** about another plot or gardener, I will bring it to the garden committee for resolution. **I will respect** and maintain all shared tools, hoses and other community property at the garden.

**Children are welcome** in the garden but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times.

**I will garden using only organic methods** (no synthetic herbicides or insecticides). Organic fertilizers are preferred, Miracle Grow will be permitted.

**I understand the hours** of operation are from dawn until dark.

**I will not** make duplicate keys of any locks at the garden or give my key or lock combination to another person. **I will not smoke**, chew tobacco, or drink alcohol in the garden area.

**I will keep trash** and litter out of the plot, as well as the entire garden site. There will be no onsite garbage containers, it is the responsibility of Gardeners if you pack it in, it must be packed out.

**I will plant tall** crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.

**I will pick only** my own crops unless given permission by another plot user. **I will not bring dogs** into the garden.

**I will not plant** or allow any designated Montana Noxious weeds to grow in my plot.

**Please conserve water.** Unattended watering is not permitted. Notify garden coordinator of any leaks in hoses/water lines. Make sure all faucets are off when you leave the garden.

**City water ordinance** may need to be adhered during critical watering needs.

**There will be no restroom facilities provided.**

Please Mark which plot you would like:

# of Outside Plot(s) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # of Greenhouse Plot(s) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this contract I agree to adhere to the guidelines and rules listed above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DLCG Use only: Rental fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return contract to PO Box 143, Deer Lodge, MT 59722 Phone: 623-680-4525 (Kathy Bair)

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