

GRIMES COMMUNITY GARDEN CONTRACT

1. I agree to abide by its policies and practices.
2. There is not a fee for the use of the garden. I will go to the Grimes Public Library and check out a plot using my Grimes Public Library card. If I don't have one, I can easily get one with a photo id and proof of current address. Library cards are free.
3. I will try to either donate a portion of my produce or donate my time in caring for the Food Bank's plot. Donations of produce may be dropped off at the Grimes Public Library. Donations will be given out each Wednesday during the Grimes Farmers' Market.
If I choose to donate my time instead, I can sign up for a time on the Grimes Giving Garden portal at: <http://www.grimes.lib.ia.us/resources/grimes-giving-garden/>
4. Once I have checked out a plot, I will cultivate and plant it within two weeks. My plot cannot be left fallow or unused for no longer than two weeks. If I do not follow this guideline, an attempt via email or phone will be made to contact me by the garden manager. If no response or correction has been made, I will receive written notice that I have forfeited my gardening privileges and plot. I will be allowed to reapply for another garden plot next year, and only at the discretion of the garden manager.
5. I will respect my garden neighbors and not expand my plot beyond its measurement or into paths or other plots. I will keep all my plants within the limits of my garden plot and will not allow any plants, or structures to be more than six feet high. The plants and/or structures will not disrupt sunlight or rain from my neighbor's plots. I must keep my plot free of weeds, pests and diseases. If I use chemicals, I will not use a pressure sprayer and apply the chemical on my plants.
6. I know that chemicals can only be used on plots: 1 – 10; 21-29; or 41 – 49. If I do not have one of those plots, I will not use chemicals of any kind.
7. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat. Anything I bring from my home I will take back home. I will not bring household trash and leave it at the Grimes Community Garden.
8. I will not plant any illegal plant. I will not smoke, drink alcoholic beverages, or use illegal drugs in the garden. I will not come to the garden while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. I will not bring weapons or pets or other animals to the garden.
9. Guests and visitors, including children, may enter the garden only if I accompany them. They must follow all rules, terms, and conditions stated here. I will supervise my children at all times when they are in the garden. I am solely responsible for the behavior of my guests.
10. I will not apply any pesticides in the garden without the approval of the garden manager.
11. I will not take food or plants from other gardeners' plots. I will not take anything from the garden that is not rightfully mine.
12. I will respect other gardeners, and I will not use abusive or profane language or discriminate against others.
13. I will work to keep the garden a happy, secure, and enjoyable place where all participants can garden and socialize peacefully in a neighborly manner.

14. I forfeit my right to sue the owner of the property and/or the City of Grimes.

15. I may sell my produce at the Grimes Farmers' Market for free. I can sell the produce from my Grimes Garden for profit at the Grimes Farmers' Market. I will not have to pay the typical vendor fee.

I have read and understand the application and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for the participation in the Grimes Community Garden. Breaking any rules, terms, and conditions is cause for exclusion from the garden and loss of my plot.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Garden Manager

Approved: _____ Date: _____

____ I give the garden manager permission to contact my garden neighbors on my behalf if I have a general question or need help with maintaining my garden while on vacation.

The garden manager may contact me by the following phone number and/or email address:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

____ I am interested in receiving more information about selling my produce at the Grimes Farmers' Market.

____ I am interested in more information about attending a community garden night. A Master Gardener would be in attendance to answer questions I might have and would be a night to network with my neighbors.

____ I would like more information on the gardening programs held once a month at the Grimes Public Library.

____ I would like to attend the end of the year potluck featuring recipes made from produce I grew in my garden.