

Plot # \_\_\_\_\_

**Seeds of Hope Community Garden**

**at First Baptist Church**

**Garden Plot Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Organization or Group (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

What is the best way to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer a certain garden plot or location? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether your plot will be for personal use or for donation to Reconciliation House:

Personal use \_\_\_\_\_ Reconciliation House \_\_\_\_\_

***I have read the Seeds of Hope Community Garden at First Baptist Church Guidelines and understand that failure to meet the guidelines will result in loss of gardening privileges.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Continued on next page; please fill out both forms completely and return to First Baptist Church, Attn: Garden Team, 11 Town Square, Burnsville, NC 28714. You will be contacted with your plot #**

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**Release of All Claims**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a participant in the Seeds of Hope Community Garden at First Baptist Church. As a condition of being allowed to participate in the Community Garden, I agree to the following:

1. I am duly aware of the risks and hazards that may arise through participation in the Seeds of Hope Community Garden, and assume any expenses and liabilities I incur in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity either in the garden itself or in the playground area. If I have had any questions about the Community Garden, its nature, risks or hazards, I have contacted a member of the Seeds of Hope Community Garden Team and discussed those questions with him or her to my satisfaction.

2. In consideration of being granted the opportunity to participate in the Seeds of Hope Community Garden and use the children’s garden and play area, I, for myself, my executors, administrators, agents and assigns do hereby release and forever discharge First Baptist Church, the Seeds of Hope Community Garden Team, volunteers, other gardeners, and the First Baptist Church as the landowner from all claims of damages, demands, and any actions whatsoever, including those based on negligence, in any manner arising out of my participation in this activity. I understand that this Release means that, among other things, I am giving up my right to sue for any such losses, damages, injury or costs that I may incur.

***We welcome children and friends who come with you to work in the Garden, but please remember that they are your responsibility.***

I represent and certify that my true age is either 18 years old or, if I am under 18 years old on this date, my parent or legal guardian has read and signed this form. I have read this entire Release, fully understand it, and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Participant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Garden Guidelines**

1. Each gardener must complete a Registration form and a Release of all Claims form before any work in the garden can begin.
2. Each gardener is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of his/her garden plot. Watering, weeding, harvesting and any other garden related maintenance are all the responsibility of the gardener. Gardeners may arrange for other gardeners to water their plots. *Plots dry out quickly in full sun; be aware that watering needs to be done almost every day unless we have rain.*
3. The application of herbicides (weed killers) to the garden plots is prohibited. Use of pesticides should be discussed with a Community Garden Team member before administering. Preference will be for natural rather than chemical pest remedies whenever possible (see #4).
4. Pests and diseases in your plot can quickly become your neighbor's problem as well. Blight on tomatoes, powdery mildew on squash, and pests such as bean beetles, cabbage worms, etc., need to be dealt with quickly. We prefer organic compounds such as Neem oil, Serenade, and copper fungicide – and will have those available in the storage shed. Some pests can simply be picked off and squished or dropped in soapy water.
5. Gardeners are responsible for bringing their own tools. Hoses and watering equipment will be provided by First Baptist Church. Additional tools will be available for shared use when we are able to purchase them (donations welcome!)
6. Children are welcome in the garden and in the playground area but must be accompanied by an adult and must be supervised at all times. Pets are not allowed in the garden.
7. Plant debris that is free of disease can be added to the compost pile, and kitchen scraps can be added to the compost tumbler. Trash should be placed in the covered trash receptacle. No debris of any kind should be left in the garden area.
8. At the end of the growing season, gardeners are responsible for clearing their plot of all plant material and leaving the plot as they found it in the spring.

**Keep this page for your records.**