



Dig Local is a not-for-profit organization founded upon the idea that access to good nutritious food is a human right. By way of community gardens, farmers' markets, and accessible education, Dig Local works to provide communities of all economic levels a choice when faced with the ills of the modern food system. Local green and/or organic vendors are invited to apply and take part in this weekly event.

PLOT OWNER AGREEMENT

PLOT MEMBERSHIP WILL INCLUDE:

- Full access to the garden
- Communications and notification for garden activities
- An assigned garden plot to cultivate and harvest
- Full use of tools, shed and garden resources
- Use of on-site water for plot irrigation
- Mandatory volunteer hours of garden maintenance
- Membership dues of \$10 or one volunteer hour per planting season

GARDEN RULES:

1. The Garden is closed from dusk to dawn each day.
2. Guests brought into the Garden must be accompanied by a plot owner.
3. When exiting the Garden, Members are responsible for ensuring that the Garden and shed are locked, if the Garden is unattended by another member.
4. The Garden and shed lock combinations must not be disclosed to any non-members.
5. Children are welcome in the Garden, but must be accompanied by an adult member.
6. Smoking is prohibited within the Garden's perimeter.
7. No pets are allowed in the Garden.
8. Harvesting or disturbing another member's plot without prior consent will not be tolerated.
9. Garden members are responsible for the care and maintenance of the Garden's tools, including cleaning dirty tools after each use and replacing them in their proper location.
10. Members must comply with all park rules and city ordinances.
11. The Garden member assumes all responsibility for any personal injuries or accidents occurring while working in the Garden. Neither the city of Atlantic Beach nor the D.I.G. Garden Coordinators are responsible for any personal injuries or accidents, or the medical care required to treat such injuries. Member must sign a Habitat for Humanity Liability Waiver.
12. Plots will be assigned on a per-demand basis.

PLOT OWNERSHIP RULES:

1. Garden plots are assigned by the DIG Committee. A member that signs this agreement is considered to be the plot owner and is responsible for care of the assigned plot. Transfer of the assigned plot to someone else without prior approval is prohibited.
2. Members agree to use only organic methods when gardening and weeding. Members agree not to use any other chemical herbicides, chemical pesticides or chemical fertilizers without prior approval of the Committee.
3. All new members are required to attend an organic gardening workshop.
4. Plot owners agree to immediately remove any diseased or insect-infested plants from their plot.
5. Plot owners are responsible for the proper care and maintenance of their assigned plot. Members agree to actively garden by watering their own plot beds, promptly removing weeds from their plot and the immediate surrounding area, and harvesting their plots in a timely manner.
6. Plot owners are responsible for clearing their assigned plot of all plant material as well as removing and disposing of any stakes, plastics, and garbage from their assigned plot by the end of the season (date will be posted), unless they are renewing their plot. The garden plot will be left in good condition (weeded and mulched) once vacated.
7. Plot owners agree to pay a per season fee of \$10 per plot. If unable to pay, plot owners may work one extra scheduled workday in addition to the mandatory workday each plot owner must attend. Fees are subject to change.
8. Plot owners agree to participate in one scheduled Garden workday each month.
9. Plot owners agree to plant only edible plants, and maintain consideration for surrounding plot owners by first discussing the planting of any tall plants with surrounding plot owners.
10. Plot owners agree to maintain communication and stay informed of Garden events by either checking the DIG garden website or checking the DIG Garden message board located on the shed.
11. Plot owners agree to follow all rules set for proper composting.
12. Plot owners must notify the DIG Garden Committee in writing if they are no longer able to tend to their plot; will be absent for an extended period of time; or ask a friend to tend to their plot(s) during their absence.

POLICY CONCERNING AGREEMENT VIOLATIONS:

By signing this agreement, plot owners agree to abide by all rules set forth. Violations will be recorded in a three strike fashion, such that upon a third violation the plot will be dismantled and reassigned, and the membership agreement voided. Examples

of neglect include excessive weed coverage; leaving tools and Garden property outside or in a gross condition; grossly non-harvested plots; or the destruction or harvesting of plots not assigned to the plot owner.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____