

Blessed Blooms Community Garden Gardener Agreement and Waiver

Blessed Blooms Community Garden is a ministry of Living Word Church, located at 605 N. 7th Ave, Sterling, CO 80751.

By reserving and using a garden plot, I agree to the following:

1. Seasonal Use

I understand that my garden plot is for the current garden season only, from April 25 through October 12, unless otherwise communicated by Living Word Church. Planting may begin May 11.

2. Plot Reservation and Cost

I understand that plots are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Each plot costs \$25 for the season unless a confidential scholarship has been approved. Multiple plots may be reserved if space is available.

3. Care of My Plot

I agree to actively maintain my plot by watering, weeding, harvesting, and keeping it reasonably neat throughout the season. I understand that I am also responsible for helping keep the bordering pathway next to my plot clear and usable.

4. Respect for Common Areas

I agree to help keep shared areas clean and welcoming. I will not leave trash, tools, hoses, or personal materials in walkways or common areas. I will treat the garden, church property, and other gardeners with respect.

5. Growing Standards

I understand that Blessed Blooms prefers organic growing methods. I agree not to use pesticides, herbicides, or chemical weed killers in the garden. Fertilizers and soil amendments are allowed, but organic products are strongly preferred. If I am unsure whether a product is acceptable, I will ask before using it.

6. Donation Expectation

I understand that Blessed Blooms is a ministry-minded community garden, and I agree to donate approximately 20% of my produce on the honor system to help serve underserved people in Sterling and Logan County. I may distribute that produce myself or provide it to Living Word Church for distribution.

7. Children and Guests

I understand that children are welcome, but they must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. I am responsible for the conduct of any family members or guests I bring to the garden.

8. Unused or Abandoned Plots

I understand that I must begin preparing or working my plot within 14 days of claiming it, and that it should show visible planting or active cultivation within 21 days after the May 11 planting start date, unless other arrangements have been made. If my plot appears unused, overgrown, or abandoned, Blessed Blooms may contact me. If I do not respond or bring the plot back into reasonable condition within 7 days of notice, I understand that my plot may be reassigned without refund.

9. Assumption of Risk and Waiver

I understand that gardening involves physical activity and outdoor conditions, including uneven ground, tools, insects, sun exposure, heat, plants, and other natural hazards. I voluntarily assume all risks related to my participation in Blessed Blooms Community Garden. In consideration of being allowed to use the garden, I release and hold harmless Living Word Church, its pastors, staff, volunteers, and representatives from claims for injury, loss, or damage arising from my participation, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

10. Communication

If I am unable to continue maintaining my plot, I will notify Christopher Wheeler as soon as possible at (970) 380-4039 or office@livingwordsterling.com.

Gardener Name

Signature

Date
