



Welcome to the Grove Community Garden

Welcome and thank you for your interest in joining us at The Grove Community Garden. We are excited to have you join us and be a part of our vision for our community.

The Grove Community Garden is a project that began in December of 2011. It is operated by The Grove Church in Chandler, Arizona. While the underlying goal of the Garden is to be a sustainable and organic place to grow food, we also want it to build community. We hope that gardeners and their families will spend time here, caring for God's creation by growing healthy food together. The Garden also serves the local community through *Live Love*, the charitable arm of The Grove Church, which delivers our fresh produce monthly to the needy in downtown Chandler. The Garden is also a place to spend quiet time with God. We want it to refresh people and bring them closer to God through nature.

To get you started with renting a plot, please read the attached *Garden Rules* and sign the Rental Agreement form. Once that is completed, we'll assign you a plot and you can get growing! Thanks and we look forward to seeing you out at the Garden!

Bari Murray, Garden Manager, and The Grove Garden Committee,
Judy Thompson
Nora Mendoza
Barbara Dillard

General Contact Information

(Questions, Comments, Suggestions, Concerns)

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Luke 8:15 "And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it and patiently produce a huge harvest."

Application for a Plot:

1. Individuals wanting to rent a plot may download the Rental Agreement from The Grove Church website at www.thegroveaz.org/grove-garden-1 or a copy can be obtained from the Garden Manager via email at grovegarden@thegrove.org . You may also pick up a copy at the information booth before or after each service.
2. Garden plots are rented annually for \$100 (January 1 through December 31). After April, the annual cost is pro-rated at \$8.50 per month. Each plot is assessed a one-time refundable/renewable \$20 CASH deposit fee. Deposits will be returned if the gardener decides to not continue gardening and leaves their plot in good condition. For continuing gardeners, the deposit will rollover into the new year.
3. Availability of garden plots will be on a first come/first serve basis. Garden plot locations will be assigned by the Garden Committee.
4. Once you have been assigned a plot, there will be a two (2) week window to follow up with payment and any needed paperwork. If the two weeks have expired with no action from the new gardener, the plot will be made available for others to rent.

Payment:

1. Payments can be made online and the link will be sent to you by the Garden Manager. Please add "Plot #__" in the memo box! Checks/Cash may also be used to make payment. Please make checks payable to "The Grove" and put "Grove Garden Plot #__" on the bottom of your check. This and the corresponding paperwork can be dropped off at the garden shed or delivered to the Garden Manager in person.

The \$20.00 refundable/renewable deposit must be made in cash and given to the church contact- Kyle Ray or Garden Manager-Bari Murray, where it will be held in a locked cash box.

1. Plots are considered leased only after payment of the fee has been received and the Plot Rental Agreement has been completed and signed.

Garden Community Rules, Regulations, and Enforcements

The purpose of the Rules, Regulations, and Enforcements is to summarize the Declarations of the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions which has been accepted by the gardener as a requirement of the Grove Church.

Garden Plots:

1. The Garden is built around the common grounds of the Grove Church. It is important that each gardener maintains the aesthetics of his/her garden plot.
2. Invasive plants, like mint, may be planted in your plot as long as you keep it in a container. You are responsible for keeping it from spreading to the ground.
3. When you rent a plot, you are expected to keep it clear of weeds, grass and debris that harbor insects or other pests. Weeds over (1) foot or low-lying ones spreading over the plot must be removed. Weeds include Bermuda grass, cheese weed, spurge and others that easily spread. Please let the garden committee know if you need help with this.
4. Weeds from your garden are to be bagged, tied up, and placed by the shed. Please notify one of the Garden Committee members if we are out of black trash bags.
5. Composting is highly encouraged. We are glad to explain to you the composting process via email or in person. **Please do not put weeds into the compost bins.**
6. Participants who neglect their garden beds will be notified by email of their failure to perform the mandatory gardening tasks.
7. Participants will not be allowed to build tall structures within their beds, unless otherwise approved by the Garden Committee. Trees are not allowed in garden beds unless approved by the Garden Committee. Garden art needs to be kept to a minimum and may be removed by the Garden Committee if it is considered unsightly.
8. Because the garden is visible from the road, we ask that all frost coverings, shade cloth, and insect or bird netting be uniform in color. We will try to always have pre-approved materials on hand for you to use to ensure that the garden stays uniformed.
9. The garden will have occasional "work days". We ask for your assistance and participation on these designated days to help with the upkeep of the garden. We will inform you of these days in advance.
10. It is highly encouraged that Participants would donate some of their plot's crops to a charity of their choice.
11. If you are going out of town for a length of time, please inform the Garden Committee so that we can keep an eye on your plot for you. We are glad to keep your plot maintained while you are gone.
12. We do not have a rule for every situation; therefore, we reserve the right to address any new situation as it occurs.

Pesticides/Chemicals/Traps:

1. The Grove Community Garden practices sustainable and organic gardening principles.
2. All chemical pesticides and herbicides are prohibited in the garden. Under extreme conditions, the Garden Committee could make an exception for this. We ask that any products you use be OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) approved.
3. The Garden Committee will give you a list of ways that you can manage pests and help your garden to thrive.

Water and Irrigation:

1. The Garden currently has a private well for watering and an electrical irrigation timing system. It is set by the Garden Committee for the appropriate watering for the current season. If you need additional water on your plot, there are hoses throughout the garden that are available for your use. Please coil and return them to the designated areas after each use.
2. Please contact one of the Garden Committee Members if you are having issues with the amount of water you are receiving. We are glad to provide different watering heads for your plot or make changes to the zone that waters your plot on a temporary basis.

3. Please report any leaks or major water problems to one of the Garden Committee Members immediately. In the event of a severe water leak that cannot be controlled, call The Grove Church office at 480-883-3733 or after hours you can call Bari Murray at 602-574-1652.

Summer Gardening:

1. If you choose not to garden during the summer months, this is the time to shut down your plot by turning off your water by changing out the watering heads. Mulching your plot 2-3" thick will also help to keep weeds from growing. You can also solarize your soil during this time. Ask a Garden Committee member for instructions on how to do this. There are supplies in the shed for this purpose.

Contact Changes:

1. Participants are required to notify the Garden Committee of changes to contact information (address, phone, email). This ensures delivery of renewal forms and other timely information.

Termination of Garden Plots:

The Garden Committee will inspect garden plots frequently to review their condition and to ensure compliance with the rules and regulations. In the event a gardener is in non-compliance:

1. A written 1st notice of non-compliance will be sent via email. The issue(s) must be corrected within 15 days of written notice.
2. Continued non-compliance will result in a 2nd written notice via email, with the understanding that after 7 days of no response to the notice, you will receive a 3rd and final "failure to comply" notice, which will result in the enforcement of Termination of your plot. All funds will be forfeited and the plot reassigned.

General Conduct:

1. Participants are representatives of the Grove Church and are expected to be civil, honest, and cooperative in dealing with Garden neighbors, other Gardeners, guest of other Gardeners, Volunteers, and the general public.
2. Participants will raise with the Garden Manager any disputes about the Garden or with fellow Gardeners. The Grove Church staff will have the power to hear these disputes and will resolve them in the best interest of the Garden.
3. Participants may lose their rights to participate in the Garden if they fail to comply with any of these rules. If a Gardener:
 - Endangers other Gardeners, Grove Church Members or Staff, or other individuals;
 - Takes or uses another Gardener's tools, supplies, or produce without permission;
 - Encroaches on Garden neighbors' plot(s);
 - Grows illegal plants;
 - Uses alcohol or illegal drugs in the Garden; or
 - Has sexual relations in the Garden

The Grove Church may, at its discretion, terminate immediately the Participant's right to participate in the Garden. If that occurs, the Gardener must leave the Garden by the end of that termination day and may not reenter without the Church's permission.

The Grove Community Garden Plot Rental Agreement

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ HomePhone _____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____

Name

Phone Number

Please list any Co-Gardeners working with you _____

Name

Email Address

Phone

Name

Email Address

Phone

Optional

- I am an experienced gardener willing to assist beginners.
- I am a beginner and would like an experienced gardener to assist me.
- I am interested in becoming a volunteer (fill out the upper section only)

Please Check All That Apply

- I am interested in renting a garden plot \$100.00
- I am interested in renting a second garden plot \$100.00
- Partial year plot rental \$8.50/month \$ _____
- First Time Setup - Refundable Deposit Fee (CASH only) per plot \$ 20.00

Total Fee for the Year \$ _____

Rental Agreement:

- This rental agreement is a contract between The Grove Church and the applicant; the rights may not be sold or transferred.
- Rental fees are due when the rental agreement is signed and must be paid before gardening activities.
- The rental agreement term is 12 months starting on January 1st through December 31st and is pro-rated to \$8.50 per month after April 30th.
- Applicant must read and agree to comply with the Grove Community Garden Rules and Procedures.

Acceptance of Terms

I have read and agree to comply with the Garden Plot Rental Agreement. By signing below, I agree to abide by The Grove Community Garden Rules and Procedures. I understand that any infraction may result in cancellation of my rental agreement as outlined in the Rules and Procedures.

Signature of

Applicant _____ Date _____

