Saint Louis University Gardens to Tables Teaching Garden
Rules, Terms, and Conditions for Garden Bed Growers

The SLU Teaching Garden is open to SLU community members. Plots are assigned to individuals with the intention that they be used according to the rules, terms, and conditions outlined below. If you are found to be in violation of any specific rules of the garden, you may lose the right to your plot for the next growing season. This will be determined by the SLU Garden staff.

If approved for a plot in this garden, I will abide by the following rules, terms, and conditions:

1. There is no fee for plot adoption. In order to remain a member, I must attend one garden orientation meeting. I will also attend one garden education program each growing season and contribute 30 minutes of labor per month for the maintenance of common areas.

2. I will not share the fence lock combination with others not associated with the garden.

3. When my garden plot is assigned, it must be cultivated and some planting done within one month, and I will continue to use the plot for the entirety of the season. I understand that I will be notified if my plot appears neglected or abandoned, and if the situation is not corrected, my plot may be forfeited.

4. To the best of my ability, I will keep my plot free of weeds, pests, and diseases. I will keep my plot, paths, and surrounding areas clean and neat, including pulling weeds and any of my dried or dead plants. I understand that not keeping control of weeds means they may spread to other garden beds, hindering others’ abilities to grow healthy plants.

5. If vacations or other circumstances prevent me from caring for my plot, I will notify the SLU Garden staff and I will arrange to have my plot watered and maintained in a way consistent with the SLU Garden standards.

6. As this is an organic farm under USDA standards, I will use organic gardening methods only and understand that the planting of organic seed and seedlings is highly encouraged. I will not apply synthetic pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or fertilizers on my plot. If I am unsure about a certain product’s classification as organic or nonorganic, I will consult the SLU Garden staff.

7. I will respect the communal tools and will be sure to clean them and return them to the storage shed at the end of each use.

8. If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the SLU Garden as soon as possible. I am responsible for leaving my garden space in reasonable condition and I will remove all structures and other non-plant materials unless arrangements are made.

9. I use this garden at the sole discretion of the SLU Garden leaders and agree to abide by the policies and practices put forth. I understand that failure to follow these policies may result in my plot being reassigned.

10. Assuming my garden plot is kept in good standing, annual use will renew. I will share my intentions for renewal with the SLU Garden staff and sign an updated agreement.

I have read the agreement and accept these rules, terms, and conditions stated above for adoption of a plot and participation at the SLU Teaching Garden. As a SLU student, staff, or faculty member, I agree to abide by the policies and practices of both the SLU Garden and the University. Failure to comply may result in loss of my plot and participation in SLU Garden activities.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ________________
Gardener

Approved: ___________________________ Date: ________________
Garden Staff Member

Name: _________________________________________________________
Phone:  ________________________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________________

For Garden Staff Use Only:

PLOT NUMBER _________
Adopted during:
____ Fall  ____ Spring  ____ Summer
____ 2013  ____ 2014
New Renewal
Date Submitted: ________________