

## **CUSTER COMMUNITY ORGANIC GARDEN BYLAWS**

**Custer Community Garden adheres to organic gardening techniques**, which are methods that are people, plant, animal, and environmentally friendly for the health and well being of all. **No herbicides, non-organic pesticides, non-organic fertilizer, or any other chemicals or preservatives, may be used at any time in the garden.** Failure to follow these regulations will result in forfeiture of your garden plot without refund.

Organic gardening information and resources are available at the Custer County Library and on the website [www.custercommunitygarden.com](http://www.custercommunitygarden.com)

**Plot Rental:** The annual garden plot rental fee is \$25 for a 20' X 20' (400 square feet) garden plot, payable no later than May 1 for new gardener and Good Friday for returning gardener (who want to keep their same plot). Garden plots will be protected by a gated six foot security fence. Do not give out garden gate combinations without permission from the garden chairperson. If you are the last person to leave the garden, please lock both gates.

**Water:** Water will be provided by the City of Custer. Renter to provide adequate hose and sprinkler for their own garden site and must water themselves. Renters must be present while watering. (Future plot rent will be determined by water usage).

**Gardening:** Gardeners must be actively working in their plot by Memorial Day Weekend or the plot will be forfeited to someone on the waiting list. Plot holders promise to devote reasonable amounts of time to the maintenance and improvement of the garden throughout the gardening season. All paths and plots must be kept free of grass, weeds, trash, etc. by the plot holders. Please do not let your plants creep into the aisles or into your neighbor's plot.

**Harvesting:** Crops must be harvested once they are mature. If you do not feel that you can use everything, there are food banks and senior citizens who could use extra vegetables. Please notify a Community Garden Committee Member if you have more than can be used. If you want someone to work your plot or pick your vegetables while you are away, please give them a signed note. After the last frost, all dead plants, weeds, and stakes must be removed from your plot and compost materials may be placed in compost pile. The compost pile is only for the use of the Community Gardeners and should only be used for compost, yard waste, or wood chips, no trash please. Box or bag any trash from plot and remove from garden area.

**Release of Liability:** The City of Custer and Garden Committee will be free of any and all liability for acts of vandalism, destructive storms, insect infestations, or any other loss or claim that occurs in connection with use of the garden. No stealing of anything is permitted. Should it become known that you have taken anything such as vegetables, tools, hoses, plants, etc, you will lose your plot immediately and will not be permitted to return.

**Garden Committee:** Any rule added to these bylaws must be approved by the majority of the Custer Community Organic Garden Committee. Any conflicts among gardeners may be reported to the committee for resolution.

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## GARDEN SPACE RENTAL CONTRACT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having rented garden site # \_\_\_\_\_ for  
the \_\_\_\_\_ growing season, do hereby agree to the bylaws, which I have read and  
received a copy of.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ .

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of Renter)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Home Address)*

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*(Phone)*

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### **Amount Received:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Cash) (Check # \_\_\_\_\_)

Received of \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Signature of Office Personnel)*