

Yard Sharing Agreement

This document outlines the details of the yard sharing agreement between the yard holder and the gardener. Its primary purpose is to seed discussion about each party's expectations for the partnership to prevent misunderstandings and maximizing gardening fun. This document aims to cover all bases of yard sharing (probably at nausea), but every situation is a little different. Gardeners and yard holders are encouraged to bring up any and all additional thoughts that aren't covered in this document. Remember the key to maintaining a good yard sharing relationship (like any relationship) is COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE, COMMUNICATE! Both parties should keep a copy of the final agreement as a reference. Note that this document is not legally binding.

Land Holder's Name: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Prefer email or phone (circle one). Appropriate hours to call: _____

Names of other people that live on the property: _____

Gardener's Name: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____

Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Prefer email or phone (circle one). Appropriate hours to call: _____

May other people accompany the gardener to the property? _____

Agreement start date: _____ Agreement end date: _____

For a healthy yard sharing relationship (as with any relationship) communication is key. We recommend scheduling regular check-ins to make sure everyone is always on the same page. Describe how [eg. phone, over the internet, in person] and how often you would like to take time for a quick chat:

Gardening Space/Equipment:
Location of the garden (describe and/or attach map):

Parking Considerations:

Has the soil been tested for lead contamination? -If not, we strongly recommend that is done and/or raised beds are installed.

Are there any known hazards in the yard? Does the owner have pets that may be in the yard at the same time as the gardener?

Will any infrastructure need to be added (eg. raised bed, fence, compost pile)? If so what? Is that OKAY with the property owner? Who will pay for the expense? Who will handle the labor? Will the additions remain on the property when the sharing agreement had ended?

Will any small items be installed in the garden (eg. plastic coverings to create temporary greenhouse, pea trestle)?

Is there a location on site where the gardener can store tools? Will the land holder be providing any tools?

How will the gardener access water? If the spigot has a hose, how shall the hose be stored when it isn't in use?

Gardening:
Times when the gardener may access the garden:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

About how many hours a week total does the gardener plan on spending in the garden?

Times when the gardener may not be on the property:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

What will be planted in the garden? Is there anything the land holder absolutely does not want to be planted in the garden? We recommend you bother sketch out garden map together that outlines what will be planted where in the garden plot.

Does either party have preferences as to whether or not the garden is organic? What kind of pesticides, fertilizers and natural methods may be used?

Schedule and responsibilities of both the land holder and gardener for each phase of the garden (planting, harvesting etc.). Write the date that each phase will be completed by (when applicable), and the percentage of the work that will be done by each party.

Activity/dates	Whose responsibility?	Other details:

Tending continued:

Fill in who will be responsible for each of these tasks on what days.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wedns	Thurs	Fri	Sat
watering							
weeding							
other							
other							

Vacation/travel or other periods where special plans will be needed:

What percent of the garden's yields will go to each party?

Lets get a few more things out in the open. The hand owner should describe his/her expectations (pet peeves) on how they garden needs to be maintained. Do things need to be in impeccably straight rows, or is a slightly wild look okay? Will the occasional weed left untended for a week or two be okay or inexcusable?

Also the landowner should describe under what circumstances he/she feels that the garden is being neglected and what the consequences will be.

How shall the garden be left at the end of the growing season and/or end of the partnership?

Anything else that contract didn't address:

Hooray! You've made it through the partnership agreement! Go start gardening!