



## **Berkeley Community Garden**

### **2011 Membership Agreement and Garden Rules**

The Berkeley Community Garden is a part of the South End Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust (SELROSLT), which owns and manages 16 neighborhood garden and pocket parks for the benefit of the public. A plot at the Berkeley Community Garden is a privilege enjoyed by Member Gardeners who follow Garden Rules and practice Good Garden Citizenship. Members work together and volunteer time and financial resources to the best of our abilities to make the garden a clean, safe and welcoming space for all. In return, we enjoy the bounty of our garden plots and the friendship of our fellow gardeners. Members who do not follow Garden Rules and practice Good Garden Citizenship can be fined up to \$100 for each violation and/or forfeit their membership and garden plot.

#### **All Member Gardeners Agree to Practice Good Garden Citizenship and Follow the Berkeley Community Garden Rules.**

- 1. Contribute a total of 10 hours of work or \$100 to the upkeep of the garden each calendar year.**  
*Gardeners participate in the 1-hour bi-weekly garden clean ups and/or the 2-hour spring/fall clean ups or complete special projects for a total of at least 10 hours to fulfill their annual work requirement. Gardeners who don't contribute 10 hours of time to garden projects each year must contribute an additional \$100 to the garden. Special projects range from accounting, gate maintenance and care of public plantings. All fees and assessments must be paid before membership may be renewed. Consider contributing more; plot fees are low so that all can afford to participate, but they do not cover all the garden's costs.*
- 2. Honor the One Garden Plot per Household Rule.**  
*Gardeners qualify for only one plot per household. Any gardener who has signed up for or is cultivating multiple plots as their own will lose all plots. Gardeners who were members of the garden in 1995 or before are exempt from this rule.*
- 3. All plots must be cultivated by June 1st.**  
*Plots are in high demand. Any plot that is not cultivated by June 1<sup>st</sup> will be forfeited by the assigned plot holder and redistributed to the next gardener on the annual wait-list. All fees from the first gardener will be forfeited.*

**4. All plots must be neat, tidy and well maintained year round.**

*All gardeners will keep their plots free of weeds and debris. Gardeners will store a minimum amount of tools, pails, stakes and other garden materials. Gardeners will regularly bag debris for city trash pick-up (Tuesday and Friday AM). Gardeners will remove all dead plants and store trellises by the Fall Clean Up. More detailed maintenance guidelines will be posted and must be honored.*

**5. Gardeners will respect the public areas and other gardeners' plots.**

*No gardener may enter or cultivate another's plot without permission. Gardeners will not hang hoses on the outside of any plot and will cooperate with others in keeping the paths clear of plants, pots, tools and trellises or other structures. No gardener will prune, plant or remove any plants, flowers or produce from the Garden's public areas except as part of a Berkeley Community Garden improvement project. Gardeners will not plant outside their plot boundaries or otherwise extend their planting area, except by working in designated planters along the center path. Planting along the new East Berkeley Street fence is not permitted.*

**6. Gardeners will conserve water and minimize the use of chemicals.**

*Make sure all hoses are disconnected and faucets are turned off after each use. Mulch plants and avoid watering in the middle of the day to minimize evaporation. Please remember that your dues pay for the water we use. Please use the smallest amount of chemicals (fertilizer, insecticide, etc.) possible.*

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