

DCGO Membership Agreement 2023

Reference Version Only – Membership Agreement to be completed online via DCGO.org as part of initial Membership or Membership Renewal Process.

Member Name _____

Date _____

Plot Number _____ (New members may leave this blank. Plot number will be assigned once payment is received.)

As a plot holder and member of the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run Park (DCGO), I understand and agree to adhere to the DCGO Bylaws as posted on DCGO.org and the following conditions for membership as set forth by the DCGO Board (the Board) by initialing where indicated in each section of this agreement and signing the agreement. In this agreement, the “Garden” refers to the main community garden and the Greenhouse Complex (the greenhouses, Barn, and surrounding garden areas).

Organic Practices

I agree to follow organic gardening practices at the Garden by using only organic soil, fertilizer, compost and mulch. I will use organic seeds and transplants whenever possible. I agree to use only herbicides, pesticides, and fungicides that are approved for organic gardening (OMRI certified). I agree not to use any non-organic herbicides, pesticides, or fungicides. If I have any questions on these rules I will contact the DCGO Board (dcgobrookrunpark@gmail.com) for clarification and instruction.

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Member Engagement

The community garden **is a community**. We rely on the volunteer efforts of every garden member to support our continuing operations. As such, we request that each member contribute at least 12 hours of volunteer time over the course of each year. DCGO has various volunteer groups in place. A description of each group may be found on our website, www.DCGO.org.

To fulfill my volunteer obligation, I will participate as a member in at least one of the following work groups as specified below (check as many as you would like):

- ___ Greenhouse (activities available year-round)
- ___ Plant Sales (activities during the months of April and October)
- ___ Main Garden (activities available year-round)
- ___ Food Pantry Farming (activities available year-round)
- ___ Harvest Team (activities available year-round)
- ___ Special Events (activities: Wine/Cheese Party-April, Annual Meeting-October)

As a member of this/these teams, I agree to be contacted via email by, actively check for emails from, and respond to the group leader and to participate in activities whenever possible.

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Plot Production and Maintenance

Upon 30 days of the assignment of my Garden plot, I agree to weed it, fill it with organic soil/compost, and plant it. I agree to keep my plot weeded and watered. I understand that during the prime growing months, I will need to monitor my plot **no less than once per week** to check for weeds and pests. I agree to promptly address any pest issues using organic methods. If I elect to use a timed watering system, I will carefully monitor the timing to ensure my plot and surrounding areas are not flooded.

I understand that while the primary purpose of the community garden is to produce food, planting ornamentals is acceptable if those ornamentals attract beneficial pollinators. I agree to plant crops and install decorative items in my plot in a manner that does not unreasonably encroach on another gardener's space or access to sunlight. I agree to keep all my plant material within the confines of my plot.

I agree to keep my plot planted at all times; however, during the winter months I may elect to plant a cover crop or cover my plot with landscape fabric or other suitable covering to prohibit weed growth.

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Garden Etiquette and Stewardship

I agree to harvest only from my own plot unless given permission by the plot owner. I agree to harvest all produce in my plot and not allow produce to go to waste. If I am unable to harvest my produce, I will contact dcgoharvest@gmail.com to direct the Harvest Team to collect it for donation to the food bank.

I agree to extend courtesy to all Garden members and the City of Dunwoody by: visiting the garden only from dawn until dusk - the same operating hours as Brook Run Park; driving and parking only on designated paved areas and the gravel parking lot east of the garden area; using language appropriate for a family environment; not using tobacco or alcohol while in the garden; keeping pets outside the garden (service animals excluded); making way for the mowers when present; keeping the garden gates closed when I am in the garden; and locking the gate(s) if I am the last person leaving the garden.

I agree to promptly remove all weeds/debris/overgrown/infested or diseased plants from in and around my plot and place this material in the designated containers. If I fill a waste container I agree to roll the container to the curb area and if possible replace it with an empty container from the curb area.

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I agree to contact the Garden Manager (dcgogarden@gmail.com) if I notice broken locks, running/standing water, broken hoses, or any other maintenance issue that requires immediate attention.

Conditions for Ongoing Plot Ownership

If I am temporarily unable to work my plot due to illness or work/family commitments, I will designate another individual to care for my plot and notify the Board (DCGOBrookrunpark@gmail.com) immediately.

If I am permanently unable to continue working my plot for any reason I will notify the Board immediately, with the understanding that I will be moved to affiliate member status for the balance of the year and that my plot will be reassigned to a new member. If I fail to maintain my plot, I understand that my plot will be considered surrendered and reassigned to a new member after I fail to answer two notifications of same from the Board.

I understand that my plot rental period is for the calendar year. Plot renewal for subsequent years must be completed by December 31 of the current year. While they make every effort to control plot rental fees, the Board reserves the right to increase plot rental fees if warranted. (initial here) _____

Liability

I, the undersigned member of the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run hereby agree to hold harmless Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run, its Board of Directors, and the City of Dunwoody for any damage, loss, liability, claim, demand, suit, cost and expense directly or indirectly resulting from, arising out of or in connection with the use of the Dunwoody Community Garden at Brook Run by the garden group, its successors, assigns, employees, agents, or invitees.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Alternate Email: _____

Phone: _____ (for emergency purposes only)

These people may cultivate and harvest crops from my plot: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____