COMMUNITY GARDEN User Agreement

The University of Northern Colorado is pleased to offer community garden space for Greeley residents. At the community gardens, residents can grow their own fruits, vegetables, herbs, and flowers using organic gardening methods. Amenities include a dedicated water source for each plot, compost, and organic garden debris haul away. The cost to rent a plot is $25.00/plot.

To reserve a plot or to be placed on a wait list, please email an application to Sarah Boyd at Sarah.Boyd@unco.edu. For additional information please call 970-351-1263.

For UNC to continue to offering community garden space all plot renters must agree to the following terms and conditions:

Trash Barrels: One trash barrel will be provided for disposal of noxious weeds and incidental trash. The barrels are not for the disposal of general weeding debris or structural garden materials brought in by gardeners. Please plan to provide your own trash bags for the removal of non-organic debris generated by your gardening activities. If you pack it in, you must plan on packing it out!

Yard Waste Recycling: The university has arranged a Yard Waste Recycling contract with A-1 Organics. Please pile all your yard waste debris at the SW corner of the plots and we will dispose of it on a regular basis. Please remember noxious weeds are to be placed in the trash barrel.

Puncture Vine

Compost: The University will provide compost for your campus gardening activities. Each spring 3-4 cubic yards will be placed on the north side of the garden beds. Gardeners are responsible for hauling the compost to their garden beds for use.

Irrigation: On or about **May 1,** water will become available at the gardens. Please note this date is weather and temperature dependent and will fluctuate from year to year. The Xeric Garden and the respective garden plots are on a ***non-potable*** water source. On occasion, we do experience water availability issues due to pump station issues. Normally problems are resolved within a few hours but occasionally may last a day or two. We will work to notify gardeners when extended duration shutdowns are expected. Our non–potable system serves many areas on campus and we do make it a priority to resolve these issues. If you experience an irrigation problem at the garden, please contact the UNC Service Center at 970-351-2446 to report the issue. You will need to provide your plot number to the service staff.

Please note: The water at the gardens is non-potable meaning it is not suitable for human consumption. Do not allow children to drink from hoses.

Water Tank: During times of irrigation shut down the on-site water tank may be used for supplemental water. The tank is located on the north end of the garden plots to provide a gravity fed system to serve the garden. This tank serves as the water source when the irrigation is out-of-service. Do not drink water from this tank.

Garden Paths: All Gardeners share in the responsibility of removing weeds from the perimeter paths that border all the plots. This includes the surrounding fence. Please plan to allocate time to the general upkeep of these areas.

Storage Units: A few storage boxes are located on the north side of the gardens. Space is very limited and intended to be shared among all gardeners. UNC is not responsible for loss of any tools, supplies, vandalism or theft of garden accessories or crops.

Parking: Parking permits will be available for campus gardeners. These will be available for pick up at the service center (501 w 20th street) starting May 1. Campus events and activities may impact parking availability. Please plan accordingly. Any parking tickets acquired in the absence of a parking permit will be the financial responsibility of the gardener.

General House Keeping: It is expected that all debris, trash, hoses, and tools be cleaned up daily. Hoses and other items are to be stored neatly away and within the confines of your assigned garden plot. Pathways must remain clear of trip hazards. To remain in good standing gardeners must maintain plots in a manner that does not allow any more than 50% weedy plant material to desirable plant material. Should a garden plot fall into an unmaintained status, the gardener will be

notified by email that the plot is slated for tilling. Gardeners will have one week to bring the plot into compliance. **Allowing a plot to repeatedly enter an "unmaintained" status may prevent the applicant from renting the following year.**

Assumption of Risk. I promise to act with due care during my participation in all Community Garden program activities. I acknowledge that I am fully aware that there may be hazards and risks involved with my participation in the Community Garden program. I understand, accept, and assume all such hazards and risks and I assume full responsibility for any injuries or damage I may sustain as a result of my participation in any such activities. I am solely responsible for any costs or expenses of any kind arising out of any bodily injury or property damage sustained through my participation in, or conduct associated with my participation in any Community Garden activities in which I may elect to participate.

Release/Indemnification. Having exercised my own free choice to participate voluntarily in the University's Community Garden program, I hereby release and discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Trustees for the University of Northern Colorado, and their Trustees, officers, employees, agents, and any other persons or entities acting on their behalf, and the successors and assigns for any and all of the aforementioned persons and entities from and against all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever as allowed by the applicable law of the State of Colorado, including but not limited to negligence, either in law or in equity, relating to injury, disability, death or other harm, to any person or property or both, arising out of my participation in and/or presence at any Community Garden program activities.

Printed Name:	**Date:**
Signature:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Plot Assignment:	