

“As Ye Sow” Garden Rules and Contract for 2013

“As Ye Sow”, an organic garden, is a program of the Spiritual Life Committee of Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church and is located on land owned by the church and its members. As such, it is regulated and governed by the church itself. All those who work in the garden are volunteers who have an interest in gardening and growing healthy fruits, vegetables, flowers and herbs in a community atmosphere. All those who are interested in obtaining a plot or raised bed must adhere to the rules and sign a contract indicating their seriousness with regards and with respect to the property, the people, and the church.

Plots and Raised Beds

Plots are 10x12 ft. plots. Raised beds are 4x8 ft. beds . Permission for a plot must be obtained from the Board Member of “As Ye Sow” designated and appointed for such responsibility. Fees for the plots and raised beds are for the entire season (beginning approximately March) to the end of the prominent growing time (approximately late September). Fees are assessed to cover water usage , therefore, you may continue to work in the garden before and after the prominent growing season, but water usage will be substantially less during the winter months

Water usage fee for each plot or raised bed are the following:

- Members of Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church \$20.00 per year
- Families of Preschoolers attending Lakeside Presbyterian Preschool \$20.00 per year
- Residents of Lakeside Gardens Apartments \$20.00 per year
(payable in increments of \$5.00 each month over the prominent growing season)
- Senior citizen (age 65 and over) residents of Lakeside \$30.00 per year
- Non-profit organizations \$30.00 per year
- Other Lakeside residents \$40.00 per year

You will be given a contract to sign and the Treasurer of “As Ye Sow” will make an accounting of your paid fee and retain your contract throughout the growing season.

Following this initial procedure , the member needs to measure and stake out the plot on the pre-approved area. As an assistance, there are white tubular stakes provided to mark off your plot and a name stake on which you will place your name on to indicate your defined plot or raised bed.

Raised beds are smaller and some are high to make gardening easier for those less able to bend down and work on them. Priority for the higher beds is given to handicapped and disabled individuals.

If you are unable to pay the fee for your plot or your raised bed, please bring it to the attention of the As Ye Sow board, as there is a limited number of financial assistance available to those unable to afford but still wishing to garden.

Renewal for plots and raised beds are on a yearly basis. There are no refunds.

Water

Each plot should be watered by its owner. Watering should be done in the early hours of the morning (before 10 AM) or in the early hours of the evening before dark (4PM-7PM). Gardeners must never leave their watering unattended. Please water wisely and only when needed and be mindful of others needing to share the water when they are out working in their plot or bed or common areas. You are responsible for shutting the water off at the water shutoff (not the hose shutoff). Do not ask children to turn on or shut off the water.

Planting

Each plot or raised bed is planted, cultivated and maintained by the designated member who has signed the contract and paid the water usage fee. No trees or illegal plants may be planted in the plots or raised beds. Do not put a structure in your raised bed or plot that will shade a neighbor's plot or bed. Maintain your plants to the area within your bed or plot. Only organic nutrients and pest controls should be used in the garden. If you are unable to maintain your plot due to vacation or illness, let someone in the garden know, so they can help you out in your absence and you can continue on at a later date. Keep trash out of your plot or bed and maintain control of weeds before they get out of hand and spread to neighboring plots making the garden itself look neglected.

Compost Bins

There are 2 compost bins provided in the garden. Do not put dairy products, trash, or meat products in these bins. These bins are for making future topsoil for the beds and plots. They also need to be rotated every week or so this is considered a common area of the garden – please keep it neat and the lids or doors closed so maximum composting can take place.

Trash

All trash should be removed by each individual gardener so we maintain the premises in an orderly fashion. If you see trash on one of the common pathways, please remove it and put it in a trash bin at your home or a public trash bin. There are two trash bins in the garden area. If you see a trash bin is full, please take the responsibility to take it over to the main dumpster and return the bin to the garden.

Bathroom Facilities

There are **NO bathroom facilities** at the “As Ye Sow” garden. You must use the bathroom somewhere off the garden itself such as a public restroom or at your home. The church does not provide bathroom facilities for gardeners either.

Parking

Parking spaces are available immediately in front of “As Ye Sow” garden. Do not park in the Lakeside Gardens lots and do not block the parking areas when preschool children and their parents are coming in and out of the preschool at the church. Speed limit in the parking area is 5 miles per hour.

Common Areas

Common areas of the “As Ye Sow” garden are the following:

1. Edges of the fencing
2. Shaded gazebo area with table and chairs.
3. Compost bins, hose areas, and water faucet outlets
4. Shed, wheelbarrows, and tools storage
5. Mulch piles from the landscaping companies
6. Areas designated by the church or “As Ye Sow” board members for special events
7. Common pathways between plots and raised beds

Each working member of a plot or raised bed should spend some time each week maintaining the common areas and keeping the common areas neat, tidy and organized. Tools that are taken from the shed should be returned in a clean, organized, orderly fashion. No tools, wheel barrows, or items should be taken home by gardeners. Members who bring their own tools, should take such home with them and not leave them in the garden area.

Conduct

We want to be good neighbors. There should be no harassment, threats, verbal abuse or acts of violence by any person against another person. No smoking, no alcohol or illegal substances may be consumed on the entire site. Only service dogs are allowed in the garden area. Children must be supervised at all times. Cars may not be left idling while at the garden. No fires are allowed on the premises. No signs or for profit sales shall be conducted on the garden premises. No animals are to be raised on the premises. No use of loud speakers or obnoxious radio music shall be allowed in the garden. No loud tools or equipment are to be used before 8:00 AM or during the time of 1 PM to 3PM (Mon. – Fri.) as this is the naptime of the preschool and we need to be respectful of that.

Out of respect to our worshippers, no work should be done in the garden during the worship time on Sunday mornings.

Volunteer Work

People are encouraged to come out and work in the garden area during its open hours. Several plots and beds are designated for the Lakeside Christian H.E.L.P.S. Center and to help feed the hungry. The Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church, its preschool children and teachers and the Sunday School classes will often be in the garden to volunteer for work and educational projects. God has provided us the land and we want to be good stewards and caretakers of it to help those who lack good, nourishing food to eat.

Harvesting and End of Season

All plants should be harvested as they reach their productive life. Harvesting of plants should be by the member only or as they have allowed others to share in their harvest. Since we are a California garden, many of our crops are year round, but please do not let your plants over mature and ripen to the point of rotting on the vine and being of little or no use to anyone. During the months of December and January, much work can be done to remove dead plants, mulch, prepare soil for the new season and work in the common areas of the garden. If you find you have an overabundance of harvest, please share with others or bring extra to the Lakeside Christian H.E.L.P.S. Center located across the street from the church (open Monday through Friday from 10AM to 12 PM) or to a local charity of your choice such as a soup kitchen.

Liability

All gardeners assume their own liability. This is a volunteer working garden. The Lakeside Presbyterian Church, its members and the board members of "As Ye Sow" are not liable for injury to anyone while on the garden premises nor are they to be held liable for any items lost, stolen or used while working in the garden area itself. A first aid kit is available in the storage shed for use of the gardeners while in the garden.

Hours

Garden workers are allowed to work in the garden from sunup to sundown. Those in the garden after these hours will be subject to security checks. No one is allowed in the garden overnight. Do not lend tools, allow unknown persons into the area of the garden, give out the shed and gates combination code to strangers, or allow persons other than yourself to tend to your plot without signing this contract agreement. All locks must be secured and locked before you leave.

I have read the above rules of the "As Ye Sow" garden and agree to abide by them.

I have paid my fee for my plot or raised bed.

Signature of gardener

Date

Address of gardener

Phone #